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Interview with a police 'decoy':

Undercover to catch a 'john'—

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

'We often refer to these undercover operations as mowing the lawn, or picking the weeds, because it's something that has to be done regularly if you are going to stay on top of it.'

"Molly" (not her real name for obvious reasons) has been a police officer in the West Sacramento Police Department since 1999. She was raised in Roseville and is a graduate of Oakmont High School, although she also spent a few of her high school years in Germany. Upon graduation, she attended Sierra College and Long Beach State before receiving her degree in criminal justice from California State University at Sacramento.

"I come from a family of teachers and for awhile I had thought about teaching as a career," explained Molly, "but then one day my friend's boyfriend signed me up for a 'ride along' with the Roseville Police Department and I was immediately hooked. It was obvious that the work of a police officer is always interesting and varied and I knew I would love it."

Before any person can become a police officer they have to go through a grueling six month program -- both physically and mentally -- at a police academy.

"They make it a really tough experience for good reasons," said Molly, "and since I had never been in a military-type atmosphere like that before, parts of it were very challenging. You have to put in 70-hour weeks and they push you to the point of fatigue. In terms of the physical aspect of it, you have to run three or four miles just about every other day, do lots of weight training, learn defense and arrest control techniques, and climb over walls and bars until your hands are bleeding. The mental part of it is extremely tough, too, and they want you to experience high stress levels because they know that is going to be part of your job. And some of the classroom work and testing I had to do at the academy was as hard or harder than anything I experienced in college."

Although Molly had never really been around guns before it wasn't long before she had been thoroughly trained in the use and maintenance of both handguns and shotguns.

"By the time you leave the academy and begin working in the field," explained Molly, "you feel like you have really been properly prepared to do the job. Plus the field training process is a lengthy one, too -- anywhere from three to seven months -- with a training officer either with you or shadowing your every move."

Once employed by the WSPD and given her own beat, Molly found herself dealing with everything from robberies to domestic violence encounters.

"Every call is different," explained Molly. "There's days that are relatively quiet but there's also days when you'll be called to a gas station and find the clerk has been robbed and tied up. Awhile back I was called to the bridge over Harbor Boulevard where someone had jumped off and lost his life, and calls like that are always difficult. But the one constant is that I am working with great people I really trust who know their jobs and are never far away if I need their help."

In recent years, Molly and a male partner have often been assigned to do undercover work in an ongoing effort to clean up the prostitution problem which has plagued West Sacramento's West Capitol Avenue for decades.

"Both the city and the police department want to stay focused on making West Capitol Avenue a place where legitimate businesses can prosper and where ordinary citizens can feel safe to walk the street," said Molly, "and we've found that one of the best ways to do that is to be relentless about the prostitution problem. On any given day there can be ten or more working prostitutes in that area of the city and we've found that if we do decoy operations two or three times a month, we can successfully lower that number."

On a day when Molly poses as a prostitute, she dresses a little more provocative than usual and then spends her on-duty time at one of the well-known (to both the police and the johns) prostitution strolls.

"Prostitutes on West Capitol Avenue work at all

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Eklund: big money took over WUSD campaign

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Evelyn 'Irene' Eklund

As the News-Ledger went to press the night of the November 2 election, about two-thirds of the votes had been counted and school board member Irene Eklund clung to third place, with four more votes than the next rival, challenger Dave Westin. That third-place finish would have been enough to return her to the school board. But as the final votes came in, Eklund's hold on third place slipped and Westin passed her to gain a half-point lead.

If some yet-to-be counted provisional votes don't change that outcome, Eklund, a powerful force in school leadership since 1987, will find herself retired from the board.

Fellow incumbent Karl Machschefes also slipped out of his seat, and incumbent Pat Flint chose not to run again. So three newcomers – administrator Mary Leland, former police chief Barry Kalar and businessman Dave Westin – are set to change the majority composition of the Washington Unified School District board of trustees.

Eklund is not happy.

"It's pretty hard to overcome the kind of money they spent in this election," she said of a committee that backed some of her opponents. "I'm expecting it's in excess of $20,000."

Eklund said this committee, called Parents and Neighbors for the Best Schools, is the brainchild of the city's mayor, Christopher Cabaldon. And she criticized him for raising money for the committee from sources including developers. Meanwhile, says Eklund, she raised and spent only about $2,000.

Opponent Barry Kalar, she said, "had $10,000 in his war chest, and that isn't even counting the money the committee put into the campaign for him."

"As long as Christopher holds three votes on the council," she said, referring to a perceived bloc including Oscar Villegas and Carolyn Castillo Pierson, "and he is taking money from developers, it is almost like extortion. Almost all of those developers will have a project going before the city council and they would be crazy to say 'no' to him."

Eklund added that the things being told to the voters about the current school board were not true – but were repeated in paid campaigning in mailing pieces and broadcast ads.

"We have a lot of new people in this community who believe everything they read," she stated. "It's not their fault. They're new here, they are commuting, and they have bit off a huge mortgage payment. But if there's a message here, it is that if you are going to run for school board, you had better have a lot of money. This was probably the dirtiest

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School board majority to change in 2005

West Sacramento voters last week replaced board incumbents Evelyn "Irene" Eklund and Karl Machschefes (colleague Pat Flint didn't seek re-election). Three first-timers, Mary Leland, Barry Kalar and Dave Westin, will replace them on the board, joining Dave Farmer and Kevin Jones.

Incumbents won the city races. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon received the voters' approval for the first-ever separately elected mayor's term, and Oscar Villegas edged fellow councilman Mark Montemayor for the only other city council seat available.

Below are the final (but still unofficial) tallies.

For Mayor:

Christopher Cabaldon*	7,149	68.8%
Tom Martin	3,232	31.1%

For City Council (2 elected)

William 'Bill' Kristoff*	5,727	31.6%
Oscar E. Villegas*	5,248	29.0%
Mark P. Montemayor*	4,022	22.2%
John Vinson	2,164	11.9%
Charles 'Carlito' Sano	915	5.0%

School Board (3 elected)

Mary Leland	4,463	17.5%
Barry D. Kalar	3,930	15.4%
Dave Westin	3,411	13.3%
Evelyn 'Irene' Eklund*	3,283	12.8%
Raymond Martinez	2,202	8.6%
Richard Novoa	2,012	7.9%
Karl Machschefes*	2,008	7.8%
Nina Semeryuk	1,828	7.1%
Sally A. Hasson	1,687	6.6%
Paul Yu-Yang	641	2.5%

Measure T
(to raise the hotel/motel tax)

YES	5,133	66.6%
NO	2,563	33.3%

*Incumbents

Turnout: very heavy, due largely to a passion-inducing presidential race. Approximately 61.3% of the city's 18,666 registered voters used their ballots.

Elsewhere in Yolo County: challenger Duane Chamberlain unseated Yolo County Supervisor Lynnel Pollock in the 5th District. The victory was by about a tenth of a percent margin of votes.

On stage at River City:

Hawthorne's classic comes to life

By Mary Lynn Fisher

The River City High School Drama Club opened their season last weekend at the Yolo High School auditorium, presenting a period play based on Nathaniel Hawthorne's short novel "The Scarlet Letter." Adapted, produced and directed by RCHS drama teacher Brandon Duff, this theatrical rendition of an early American morality piece was intended by Duff to complement the school's English curriculum.

"Since our eleventh graders read this novel I wanted to be able to give them a visual idea of what it's all about," said Duff. "Plus I wanted to challenge my students to learn what to them is almost another language and in both areas I think we succeeded. Everyone put in a lot of blood, sweat and tears to make this happen and I'm very proud of all of my students, both those up on the stage and those who worked so hard behind the scenes."

Performed in four acts, the play introduces a large cast of characters from Puritan New England of the mid-1600's. In Hawthorne's original work, the primary characters each depict a form of wrongdoing, the sin of passion (Hester), the sin of pride (Dimmesdale), and the diabolical sin of purpose (Chillingworth). But it is Hester who must wear a scarlet letter "A" to publicly symbolize her adultery and in this production she is ably and appealingly performed by Laura McBride.

Nick Holsey delivers a convincingly fiendish Chillingworth. He not only mastered intensity and evil, but reams of dialogue as well. As Dimmesdale, Josh Thompson offered a wide range of emotion from subdued to the distress and despair of a tortured soul.

A bright note in the drab Puritan community, Cecelia Menezes as Hester's illegitimate daughter and living symbol of the scarlet letter, is precocious

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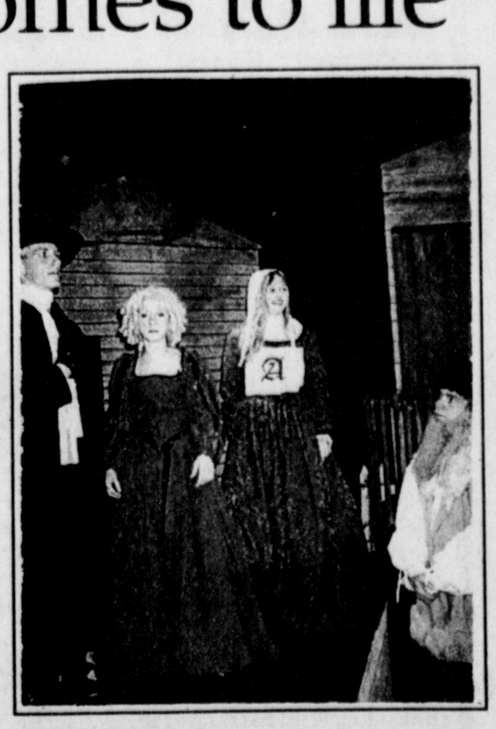

SOME OF THE CAST: Josh Thompson, Cecelia Menezes, Laura McBride and Nick Holsey.

Remembering those who served our country

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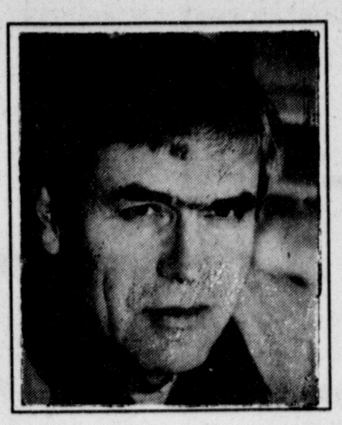

By Daryl Fisher

Knowing that another Veterans Day is upon us, a friend of mine who is also a veteran of the Vietnam War and I got to talking the other night about war in general, and our war in particular, and the conversation somehow turned to the subject of (given a choice) which American war we would have preferred to have participated in instead of the unpopular one we did.

"I think I would have liked to have been a Confederate soldier in the Civil War," volunteered my friend.

"Now why in the world would you say that?" I asked with interest.

"Because my people are all from the South and back then if you were a soldier you got to ride on horses and wear a fancy hat with a feather in it."

"Well," I said with a smile, "I bet that out of all the hundreds of thousands of men who fought in the Civil War, only about three of them got to wear a fancy hat with a feather in it. I think you've been watching too many late night movies."

"And back then there were also all those Southern Belles with their low cut dresses showing off lots of cleavage," he continued. "Now that's my kind of war -- you know, with a woman like that waiting for you to come home -- although I sure would have loved to have been in Paris after the Allies liberated it in the Second World War, too. You know, with all those beautiful French women kissing every G.I in sight."

Anyway, after I reminded my friend that we were supposed to be talking about which American war we thought would have been best to have participated in from a moral and military point of view, and not which one would have allowed us to meet the most women, he asked me to name my choice.

"Well," I said, "I think the American Revolutionary War was obviously a war worth fighting and one where we were definitely the underdogs, so I guess if I had to go off and fight in a war, that would have been the one."

"Hey," my friend quickly interjected, "I think that Swamp Fox guy wore a fancy hat with a feather in it in that war, too, didn't he?"

As our conversation continued, we more or less both agreed that the American Revolutionary War was probably at the top of our lists, although neither one of us would have liked to have shivered in all that snow at Valley Forge or ended up hanging from a tree as traitors if the British had won. As for the Civil War, we agreed that since more than half of those who died in that terrible struggle did so of dysentery and other such diseases, that wouldn't have been much fun, not to mention that there was way too much hand-to-hand combat with knives and such in that very bloody war.

We also agreed that we wouldn't have wanted to be at the Alamo with Davey Crockett (although once again my friend really admired the man's millinery choice, in this case a coonskin cap); that World War I was to be avoided at all costs because they used poison gas back then, had battle tactics that led to the slaughter of soldiers on both sides, and you had to live for months at a time in muddy trenches with rats in them; that Korea was definitely out of the question because like Vietnam, we didn't really win that war, either, and that thousands of guys lost limbs and fingers and toes because of frostbite; and that although World War II was definitely a war that had to be fought, it wouldn't have been our first choice because, unlike Vietnam, the enemy had just as much fire power as we did and American soldiers in WWII were in it for the duration, which in many cases resulted in being away from home for three or four years.

Having finally cleared that all up, my friend said, "So, Daryl, have you got anything planned for Veterans Day?"

"Not really," I admitted. "I'm not much on attending parades or listening to speeches."

"Me neither," he said, "although I've promised myself that one of these Veterans Days I'm going to get back to Washington, D.C. and see the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I hear it is really something -- that when you look into that black marble with all the names on it you can see your own reflection -- kind of like you're a part of it."

"I haven't see it yet, either," I said, "but I was able to visit one of the traveling Vietnam 'Healing Walls' when it was in Capitol Park on Veterans Day a few years ago."

"What are those like?" my friend asked with interest.

"Well, they're just half-scale portable replicas but they have all the 58,000-plus names on them and the one I saw was quite moving."

As my friend talked on about how determined he was to get back to Washington, D.C. to see the real thing, I found myself thinking back to that sunny fall day when my wife and I took my youngest son to see the half-scale version. I thought back to the nice lady who had so kindly assisted me in locating the names I had come to see, and how my son, who was only 11 at the time, seemed to quickly sense that it wasn't a place where he should be running around and making a lot of noise. And I could still remember some of the notes and cards that had been left behind by earlier visitors.

One read: Dear Dad. I never really got to know you, but I still miss you. I hope things are peaceful for you now. Your daughter.

Part of another said: You were such a wonderful son. Rest well.

On the back of a Valentine's Day care were the words: To Ed, my first real love. I still miss you terribly. Lovingly, Judy.

And then, on our way out, we walked through the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which is also in Capitol Park, and my wife pointed out what I have now come to believe are the best six words ever written to memorialize all the American veterans who have fought in all the wars over the years: All gave some, some gave all.

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Local artists share their creations

By Betty Fairbairn Sokolich

The membership exhibit of the West Sacramento Art Guild is now on display at the Arthur Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. The W.S.A.G. is open to membership to anyone interested in art as a creative, productive artist or an appreciator of art. The artists in the guild have many different approaches and the exhibit reflects the variety of their work.

With unbelievable patience, Linda Bowron has stitched her needle point work by choosing colored thread and stitching one stitch at a time to create "Rustic Mill" and "Snow Scene", both of which are on display in the exhibit.

Stella Caluya has found a very bright, colorful palette to give us a happy view of three "Peppers" with their luscious, shiny oil paint. "Rooster" is the cock-of-the-walk in his brilliant plumage.

Two masks were created by Shirley Rowland. "The Vigilant Warrior" portrays the fierce warrior face decorated with war paint and enhanced with a feather headdress. The second mask is similarly decorated.

John Nichols reminds us that we live next to the capitol city of California with his oil painting "Capitol." "Violets and Vegetables" by Helen Sieber demonstrates how skillfully she is able to achieve a beautiful texture with a mixed media. She also uses the same richness in the landscape "Black Canyon."

Seeing is believing so take a very close look at the two portraits by Jeff Wilcox.

Betty Fairbairn Sokolich painted a bouquet of roses using watercolors named "By Any Other Name". "Crail, Scotland" was painted in fond memory of her trip back to her childhood home with her daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter this summer.

A deep "Forest" inspired Dawn St. Nicholas to use oils for her entry to the exhibit. She also has two flower paintings on display, as well as "Swan", which illustrates a bird posing regally in all its white glory.

W.S.A.G. welcomes new members and meetings are held at the Senior Center on Cummings Way every last Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

The monthly art exhibits are sponsored by the East Yolo Friends of the Library. A reception for the guild exhibit will be held December 11th from 2-4 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

New at the library

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books for kids:

"What to Do When You're Scared & Afraid: A Guide for Kids" by James J. Crist, Ph.D.

"The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss" by Kathleen Krull.

"Sleeping in a Sack: Camping Activities for Kids" by Linda White.

"New Dinos: The Latest Finds! The Coolest Dinosaur Discoveries!" by Shelley Tanaka.

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The concept is to provide the customer with great payment flexibility. However, borrowers don't usually know that if they pay the minimum payment only, and if this payment does not cover the interest only portion due for that period, the lender adds the difference to their outstanding principal balance. Therefore, it's entirely possible, particularly in times of increasing interest rates, a borrower can end up owing more than they originally borrowed. This increasing principal amount is called "negative amortization."

It should also be noted that some of the currently offered "alternative loans" limit borrowers' options for second mortgages, and many loan programs of this type have prepayment penalties. These factors can pose a problem for some consumers. There are different types of "Negative, and potential Negative Amortization loans". I will be happy to discuss any of your concerns with optional ARM loans. Feel free to call me anytime.

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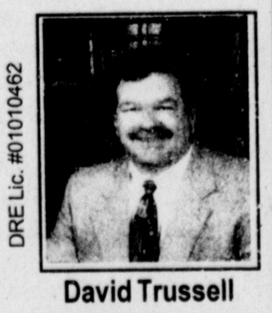

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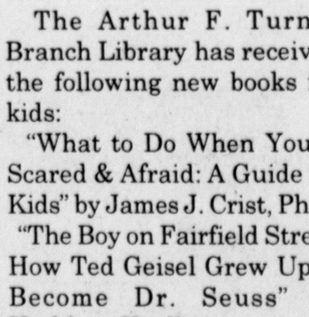

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

The National Hockey League looks more and more like it's not going to play this and the 49ers and Kings seem to be following suit. Last week in sports the Oakland Raiders finally won a road game and major league baseball in back in the news.

Major League Baseball

Ex-River Cat shortstop, Bobby Crosby, was awarded the American League Rookie of the Year honor beating out White Sox Shingo Takatsu by a 3 to 1 margin. The 27 year old infielder became the fifth Oakland A's player to receive this award. Crosby batted .239 but led all rookies with 22 home runs and 64 RBI's. Pirates Jason Bay became the first Canadian to win the award in the National League hitting .282 with 26 HR's and 82 RBI's.

Also, in baseball the Giants are resigning free agents, J.T. Snow, Marquis Grissom and Devi Cruz while the A's are trying to move pitcher Tim Hudson's large contract and yes the Yankees are interested. Both teams are searching for a big time closer!

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (0-3) return to the friendly confines of the Arco Arena after two long journey's in thirty days that sent the Kings from California to China and back. If that wasn't enough the NBA decides to send the Boys in Purple and Black to the Texas Triangle for three home openers against Dallas, San Antonio and Houston.

The Kings lost all three contests and looked pretty bad except for the overtime loss in Houston on Saturday. The team seems to be playing in slow motion and lacks some quality minutes from their bench players but maybe there'll shake off the jet lag and start playing at both ends of the court.

Here are my picks to win the newly aligned divisions for the 2004/05 NBA season. In the West Conference Pacific Division the Suns and Kings will battle for first place with the Lakers as the sleeper. In the Southwest it's a toss up between Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. I like the Spurs because of bench of Tim Duncan and their bench strength.

The Timberwolves will win the Northwest Division with Denver and Portland improving over the off-season.

In the Eastern Conference Central Division the Piston should dominate with Indiana hot on their heels. Shaq and Miami should be the Heat on in the Southeast Division with Orlando bouncing back after acquiring Steve Francis. Last but not least the Atlantic Division will be up for grabs with Boston, Philly, New York and Toronto battling for the top spot.

The Kings will travel to Seattle on Wednesday night (7:30 p.m.-ESPN) after their home opener on Tuesday against Toronto. After a couple of days off the Kings will play an very important division game in Phoenix (6:00 p.m.-CSN) then return to Sacramento for a Sunday night encounter against the Denver Nuggets.

Anybody interested in purchasing Kings tickets against the Houston Rockets on November 23rd please call (916) 501-5075. The tickets are priced at $30 (upper level) are part of a fund raising effort. The group has 100 tickets seated together!

Week 10 in the NBA

We're reached the mid season in the NFL and so far the big surprise teams are the San Diego Chargers (6-3) the Jacksonville Jags (5-3), Atlanta (6-2) and the Steelers (7-1). The Chargers are putting some good whippings are teams while the Jags are squeaking out wins with defense but the big surprise team is being lead by Big Ben in Pittsburgh. The Steel Curtain are fresh off consecutive wins against the previously unbeaten Patriots and Eagles. The Steelers No. 1 draft pick quarterback, Ben Rothlisberger, has been working making Raiders owner, Al Davis, regret selecting an offensive tackle when they could have used Big Ben's team leadership and skills.

The Raiders (3-6) ended their five game losing skid and finally winning a road game after 13 tries with a last second field to beat the Panthers 27-24 in Carolina. The Raiders will use their bye this week to put together a plan to salvage the season. Kerry Collins, who the Raiders invested more than $12 million for 3 years, played a respectable game throwing only one interception while completing 20 of 32 passes for 231 yards.

The 49ers (1-7), if you can believe it, are 1-point favorites this week when they host the 2004 defending NFC Champion Carolina Panthers. The Panther, who are also 1-7, will play the 49ers at (1:15 p.m.-FOX) at the newly named Monster Park.

The 49ers lost again to the playoff bound Seahawks (5-3) 42 to 27 but the game was closer than the score indicated. The Niners hung in with Seattle for three quarters but the defense was on the field way to long and couldn't withstand the Seahawks constant aerial attack on Niners weakened secondary. The battle continues for the No. 1 draft pick in 2005!

I ended up 1-3 last week with my picks with only the Chargers winning but Week 10 will be my turn around week. In College like Norte Dame (-11) over Pittsburgh and in the NFL I'll take the Niners and the 1-point over the Panthers and the Falcons (-3) over Tampa Bay. On Monday the Eagles will fly over the Cowboys (+6).

See ya next week!

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1. In 2004, Julio Franco became, at 45, the oldest player in major-league history to hit a grand slam. Who had held the mark?
2. In baseball's modern era, who is the youngest pitcher to toss a perfect game?
3. When was the last time before the 2003 season that the Miami Hurricanes, Florida Gators and Florida State Seminoles all had at least two regular-season football losses?
4. True or false: Utah point guard John Stockton's record-breaking 9,922nd career NBA assist in 1995 came on a pass to Karl Malone.
5. How many times did Patrick Roy lead the NHL in goals-against average?
6. Name the first World Cup men's soccer team to lose the final at home.
7. Whom did boxer Marvin Hagler beat in 1980 to win the world middleweight championship?

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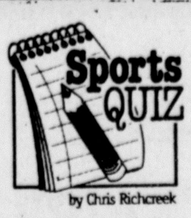

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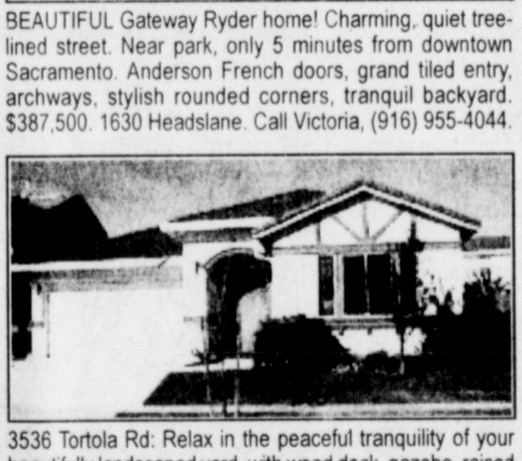

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At the Opera House:

Stephen Peithman (right)

From the Woodland Opera House

The host of Capital Public Radio's "Musical Stages", Davis resident Stephen Peithman, currently is directing "Swinging On a Star" at the Woodland Opera House (WOH), playing through November 21.

The musical revue revives familiar Johnny Burke-penned tunes from the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's via scenes from speakeasies, USO shows and Hope and Crosby "Road" films. It is an ideal match for Peithman, whose passions for musical theatre and film are evidenced by his more than 20 years on the radio.

"I have a large collection of musical theatre recordings," Peithman commented. "It's something I've always enjoyed. So, when Jeff (Kean, WOH executive director) called and was so persuasive, it was difficult for me to say no to the opportunity to direct this show."

Although there is not a storyline per se, songs are what thread together the seven distinct segments.

"Swinging On a Star" cast members include Woodlander Barbara Estes, Davisite Jenny Reuter, Sacramentans Rodger McDonald, Bob Cooner and Elise Reese, as well as Juan Lozano of Elk Grove and Renee Mercer of Citrus Heights.

To enjoy Peithman's "Swinging On a Star" directorial opportunity, contact the Woodland Opera House at (530) 666-9617. Tickets are $18 Main Floor and $10 Balcony, with certain discounts available.

In local government: city transit center, uses of port's land are subjects for talks

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet in public session at 7 p.m. tonight at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Among the agenda items:

Proclamation honoring Carol King for eight years service on the city planning commission; proclamation honoring outgoing councilman Mark Montemayor for eight years of service; consideration of a wall maintenance easement on Gateway Drive; consideration of spending $70,000 in local share of Homeland Security Act monies to benefit service responders; subdivision ordinance change; selection of West Capitol/Merkley Avenue site for a transit center (bus and future rail service); and other items.

The **Port of Sacramento Master Planning Project** will hold a public land use planning workshop on Thursday, November 18, from 6-9 p.m. at the West Sacramento Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Public input will help guide the future of port properties in West Sacramento, including Southport, the Port Industrial Park and other areas. RSVP by Nov. 15 to Nanette Cordell at 617-4535 or nanette.cordell@ci.westsacramento.ca.us.

For more information on the port's broader planning process, visit www.westsacrda.org/portofsacramento.

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Police seeking ice cream truck in hit-and-run

Local police are still looking for leads in last week's hit-and-run injury of a seven-year old boy at Lisbon Avenue and Yolo Street. A vehicle sped away after the boy was struck.

The boy told his mother that he had been hit by an ice cream truck, and police believe the suspect vehicle may indeed have been a "faded blue or gray, larger-size ice cream truck," reports Officer Walt Abel of the West Sacramento Police Department. The vehicle was possibly a mid- or full-sized van, and the suspect may have been an older man with no beard. The boy is recovering from severe injuries.

He asked anyone with information about the November 2 accident to call 617-4920.

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Nov. 17, 1839,** Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi's first opera, "Oberto, conte di San Bonifacio," debuts in Milan. The premiere was held at La Scala, Italy's most prestigious theater. Verdi would go on to compose such classic operas as "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," "La Traviata," "Aida" and "Otello."

• On **Nov. 16, 1907,** Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory collectively enter the United States as Oklahoma, the 46th state. Oklahoma's name derives from the Choctaw Indian words okla, meaning "people," and humma, meaning "red."

• On **Nov. 20, 1947,** 21-year-old Princess Elizabeth, heir to the British throne, marries her distant cousin Philip Mountbatten in a lavish wedding ceremony at Westminster Abbey in London.

• On **Nov. 15, 1956,** Elvis Presley's first movie, "Love Me Tender," opens at the Paramount Theater in New York. The movie earned back its $1 million cost in just three days.

• On **Nov. 19, 1969,** Brazilian soccer great Pele scores his 1,000th professional goal, in a game against Vasco da Gama in Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium. Pele's illustrious career included three World Cup championships.

• On **Nov. 18, 1978,** People's Temple leader Jim Jones leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in remote northwestern Guyana. The final death toll was 913, including 276 children. The mass suicide came one day after U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan, D-Calif., and his entourage were murdered after traveling to Jonestown to investigate the cult.

• On **Nov. 21, 1990,** the scandal-ridden career of Michael Milken, Wall Street's "junk-bond king," comes to an end as U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood sentences him to a 10-year prison term for various securities law infractions.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• The moon is 2,160 miles in diameter. If the moon were placed on the continent of North America, it would stretch from Cleveland to San Francisco. How one might accomplish that feat, however, is still a matter of debate.

• It may seem counterintuitive, but it's true: Sound travels through steel 15 times faster than it travels through air.

• Ralph G. Martin, who made the following observation, must have been involved in politics: "Handshaking is friendly until your hands bleed. Confetti looks festive until you spit out mouthfuls hurled directly into your face. A crush of screaming women is flattering until they tear your clothes."

• It seems that at some point, legislators in Chicago found it necessary to pass a law to prohibit anyone from eating in a building that is on fire.

• Most people have heard of the American Revolutionary War's Battle of Bunker Hill, but it's not often pointed out that the battle didn't actually take place at Bunker Hill — it was fought at Breed's Hill in Charlestown, Mass.

• Those who determine such things have calculated that if you took all the gold in the world and melted it together, it would fit in a block measuring 54 cubic feet.

• The largest animal that has ever existed is the blue whale — it's so large, in fact, that it can be difficult to picture its size even if you know that it can grow to nearly 100 feet long and weigh 125 tons. Try visualizing it this way: A blue whale of this size would weigh about as much as 23 elephants or 1,800 men.

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Thought for the Day: "You can take all the sincerity in Hollywood, place it in the navel of a fruit fly and still have room for a producer's heart." — *Fred Allen*

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-sought workplace change could be happening soon. Consider reworking your ideas and preparing a presentation just in case. A personal relationship takes a new turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your persuasiveness doesn't really start to kick in until midweek. By then, you can count on having more supporters in your camp, including some you doubted would ever join you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workload is still high, but — good news! — you should start to see daylight by the week's end. Reserve the weekend for fun and games with friends and loved ones. You deserve it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Regardless of how frustrating things are, keep that "Crab" under control. A cutting comment you might think is apt right now will leave others hurting for a long time to come.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be more sensitive to the emotions of loved ones who might feel left out while you're stalking that new opportunity. Be sure to make it up to them this weekend. A nice surprise could be waiting.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The gregarious Virgo rarely has a problem making new friends. But repairing frayed relationships doesn't come easily. Still, if it's what you want to do, you'll find a way. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A misunderstanding with a partner or spouse needs to be worked out before it turns into something really nasty. Forget about your pride for now and make that first healing move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Communication dominates the week. Work out any misunderstandings with co-workers. Also get back in touch with old friends and those family members you rarely see.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As busy as your week is, make time for someone who feels shut out of your life. Your act of kindness could later prove to be more significant than you might have realized.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. Your busy workweek leads to some very satisfying results. Sports and sporting events are high on your weekend activities aspect. Enjoy them with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your generosity of spirit reaches out once again to someone who needs reassurance. There might be problems, but keeping that line of communication open eventually pays off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are among the truth-seekers in the universe, so don't be surprised to find yourself caught up in a new pursuit of facts to counter what you believe is an insidious exercise in lying.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in loyalty and in keeping secrets. All things considered, you would probably make a perfect secret agent.

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SCARLET from front page

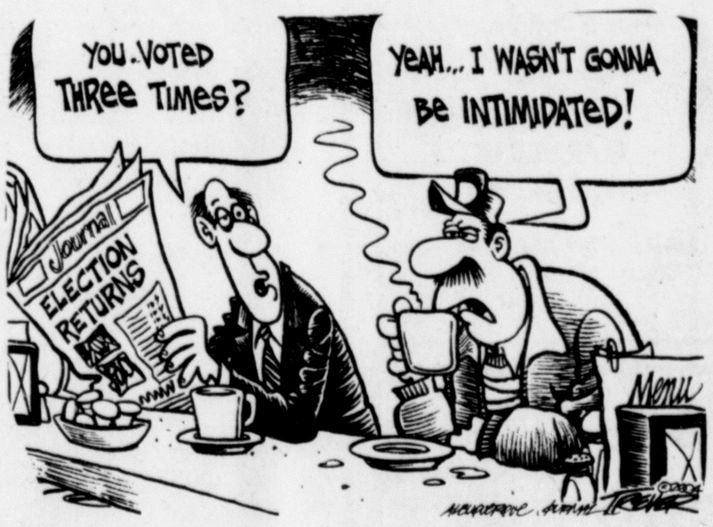
and energetic in her role, complete with vivid red gown.

The authentic costumes and extensive time spent in make-up brought the period to life as did the music played between acts. The set also reflected a more severe time, with tall whitewashed facades which revolved to change the scene. The lighting was effective, too, especially the use of spots and shadow.

The production continues this coming weekend on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13. Curtain time is 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door of the Yolo High School auditorium.

In addition to those already mentioned, the cast of characters include: Valencia Dussault, Tasha Forks, Melissa McCombs, Jaymi Appleberry, Nikita Chavez, Kelly Phalit, Desirae Guevara, Beverly Saetern, Winnie Veikune, DJ Butler, Jereth Slack, Lorenzo Guzman, Monica Estorga, Rosa Rodriguez, Max Dorokhin, Vicky Martinez, Viktor Velichko, Abel Villarreal, Steffan Jones, Jimmy Armstrong, Ashley Simmons, Gabriella Vega, Jessica Da Hill, Amber Hall, Sonja Leavitt, Stephanie DeAnda, Samantha Burdick, Jordan Fairbanks, Anthony Pallotta, Phoenix O'Shaughnessy, and Lataishae Jones.

Members of the production staff include: Kassandra Dotson, Tara Caluya, Kristin Swails, Michael Forgeur, Raymond Franco, Rodney Tilson, Brynn Fitzpatrick, Desirae Rodriquez, Danielle Prawdzik, Tashina Munkers, Kenneth McAmoil, Scott Bechtel, Matt Aispuro, David Moore, Jacob Wright, Michelle Miller, Alex Beaugez, Chris Beaugez, Noelle Young, Michele Emery, Jeanette Gardner, Lisa Farnworth, Marissa Wallace, Caity Silva, Leann Gibson, Muang Saetern, Alty Sanchez, Shannon Woods, Rachelle Johnson, Nikita Chavez-Corsi, Jessica Rios, James Mahan, Nick St. James, Jason Jarosz, Jeff Brown, Shelly Higman, and Jessica Ross.



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hours of the day and night, from 6 a.m. on," said Molly. "I've even arrived at one of the strolls and found a note left by a man asking a specific prostitute to give him a call when she arrived for work. We've also found that the lunch hour is just as popular as the evening hours and that about 60 or 70 percent of the men looking for the services of a prostitute are from out of the area."

Once Molly has begun her day's work as a prostitute decoy the situations she often finds herself in are familiar to her now.

"A male looking for a female prostitute will usually drive past me a few times and either honk or wave, trying to make eye contact with me," said Molly. "He will then motion to me where he wants me to go and drive up to me and ask the usual questions -- mostly of course wanting to know how much things cost. The prices most street prostitutes charge in this area are pretty standard, ranging from $20 for oral sex all the way up to $40 or $50 for actual sex. When you get above $100 or so you're usually talking about call girls and we really don't have that problem here."

In West Sacramento you can be arrested for both loitering for the intention of soliciting a prostitute and for the actual act of soliciting.

"The excuses are always the same once we have made an arrest," said Molly. "They say they were just kidding, or that what they said to me was misunderstood, or that they don't speak English very well. But once the arrest has been made they are going to jail to be booked and their car is going to be towed."

Not all the prostitutes who stroll West Capitol Avenue live in West Sacramento. Many come and go depending on how often they are getting arrested here.

"We often refer to these undercover operations as mowing the lawn, or picking the weeds," said Molly, "because it's something that has to be done regularly if you are going to stay on top of it. Our goal is to rid our local businesses and citizens of all the criminal behavior which surrounds prostitution, including the sale and use of drugs and the random acts of violence that often accompany that activity. We try to work closely with those businesses on West Capitol Avenue that are impacted by prostitution and encourage them for instance not to rent rooms to individuals involved in criminal behavior. Some businesses cooperate better than others, but our goal is to have 100% cooperation. We are also very appreciative of local businesses like Sierra Hart Auto Center which loans us vehicles to use in our undercover operations."

Over the years Molly has gotten to know many of the street people in West Sacramento and has a good understanding of their problems and impact on our community.

"Many of these individuals have serious drug addictions and mental health issues," said Molly, "and others are just criminals that have to be arrested and jailed. You get pretty good at knowing who is who and although you never reach a total comfort zone in this kind of work, you do get less uncomfortable."

Molly now lives in West Sacramento and looks forward to many more years of working for the West Sacramento Police Department.

"It's true that there are days when police officers don't always feel appreciated for the sometimes difficult work they are doing," said Molly, "but they are always outnumbered by the days when you know you have done something to make the community you live and work in a little more safe."

When asked if prostitute decoy work is the least pleasant aspect of her job, Molly said, "Well, it's not exactly what I would call fun, but what makes my job enjoyable is the wonderful people I work with who always make me feel so safe, and we are all dedicated to doing whatever is needed to make West Sacramento a better place to live."

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did the Spanish Civil War end?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What area of the world was ruled by the Toltec Empire until 1151?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which nation did the British defeat in the Falkland Islands war?
4. CHEMISTRY: What is cesium?
5. LAW: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution deals with the right to peaceful assembly?
6. MOVIES: Which famous author refused to accept an Oscar for screenwriting in 1938?
7. TELEVISION: Which TV reporter was roughed up on the floor of the 1968 Democratic National Convention?
8. LITERATURE: Who created the character named Billy Pilgrim?
9. ARCHITECTURE: Who was known as "the Father of Modernism"?
10. PHYSICS: What is the speed of light in miles per second?

Answers

1. 1939
2. Mexico
3. Argentina
4. Soft metal
5. The Sixth Amendment
6. George Bernard Shaw
7. Dan Rather
8. Kurt Vonnegut
9. Louis Sullivan
10. 186,000 miles per second

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$400,000 will help widen Tower Bridge

Congressmen Robert Matsui and Mike Thompson on Oct. 27 announced that the federal Department of Transportation would give $400,000 in funding towards the widening of the Tower Bridge connecting Sacramento and Wst Sacramento. The funding will help widen the pedestrian and bike crossing capability of the bridge and is hoped to help relieve congestion. The improvements are intended to maintain the aesthetic integrity of the 1936-era landmark over the Sacramento River.

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election I've ever been in, bar none."

Eklund said the current school board has been accused of constant bickering – although its infighting is in the past.

"This was a board that got two bond measures passed, two elementary schools built, curriculum adopted and a high school planned," said Eklund.

The "Parents and Neighbors" committee backed ballot-winners Leland and Kalar, although its third "slate" member, Nina Semeryuk, was unsuccessful. Westin, who edged Eklund for the third spot on the board, was not part of the committee's slate.

Cabaldon said that he "worked with" the committee and helped it raise money – as did Yolo Supervisor Mike McGowan and others. A number of active members of the city chamber of commerce, including Len Strickland and Denice Seals (who served as committee officers) also helped. So did developers like Dan Ramos and David Stroud.

"I worked with the committee and so did Mike (McGowan)," Cabaldon responded. "All of us worked to raise money for the campaign. The problems with the school board were well documented and had been clear for a long period of time."

Cabaldon said some of those developers involved in the campaign to change the school board majority had been personally involved in school board issues for several years.

"David (Stroud) has been to the school board repeatedly as president of the chamber of commerce," said Cabaldon. "He's watched the board's credibility called into question repeatedly as far as the selection of the superintendent and of the high school site. The same with Dan Ramos."

Neither he nor assistant committee treasurer Denice Seals would estimate how much the committee raised and spent to promote new blood on the school board. Final numbers aren't yet tallied.

Seals said that she was concerned about "continuing problems with test scores and a concern that Golden State Middle School is in the situation it is in right now with test scores that result in 'No Child Left Behind' (legislation standards violations)."

"We were hoping that people with strong business skills can make a difference," said Seals, adding that she is happy with the election results.

Cabaldon said he originally helped form the committee to promote the high school bond, but its purpose later shifted towards taking an active role in the school board campaign. He is not an officer in the committee, he said.

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Contrasting politics: different times & places

There is more than one way to do politics, especially when you're not running for president of the United States.

Item #1: Last week's "Page From the Past" in the News-Ledger, a local news item dating from around 1920 related an incident between two local partisans in the campaign for Yolo supervisor:

"John Grote was a staunch supporter of Eli Fourness, while Jack Stoutenburg was just a strong a supporter of Henry Buckingham. Last Sunday they met on their way to church and naturally the conversation drifted to politics. Stoutenburg, who is also known as 'Fat Jack', weights about 380 pounds, and becoming riled at what Grote was telling him about the success of Eli Fourness at Tuesday's election, he landed on Grote with a powerful punch to the solar plexus. Grote went down for a count of three but returned and danced around Jack so as to frighten him. Solid as a rock with his avoirdupois behind him, Stoutenburg stood his ground and warded off the attacks of Grote until friends and neighbors came along and separated the combatants. After making peace they proceeded to church."

Item #2: a veteran of a far more recent local election battle has forwarded to the News-Ledger a "West Hawaii Today" news account of a campaign for a statehouse seat on the Big Island. It reports the following:

After the Democrat, Jerry Chang, was re-elected, his Republican challenger, Sharon DeMello Vannatta, phoned Chang with a cordial "aloha."

Chang responded, "Aloha, Sharon DeMello Vannatta. Come down to Kow's and eat."

Within a few hours of the polls closing, DeMello Vannatta was taking down campaign signs.

"I was on my way home," she told the newspaper. "I'll go out tomorrow and pick up the rest (of the signs), and I'll go by Jerry's to pick up signs next door to his house and then stop for coffee."

What a refreshing difference between these two examples of local politics.

This year's West Sacramento elections were not particularly unruly. It could have been a lot worse, and would have been had their been big money such as developers' plans or a casino at stake. But maybe the city ought to consider a new local tradition to help keep things real.

At the beginning of campaign season, there ought to be one big spaghetti dinner at a local church or service club, with all candidates invited to come and break bread with one another. And right after the election, there ought to be another spaghetti feed – with all candidates invited to come and break bread again, as well as shake hands and look each other in the eye after all the arguing has subsided.

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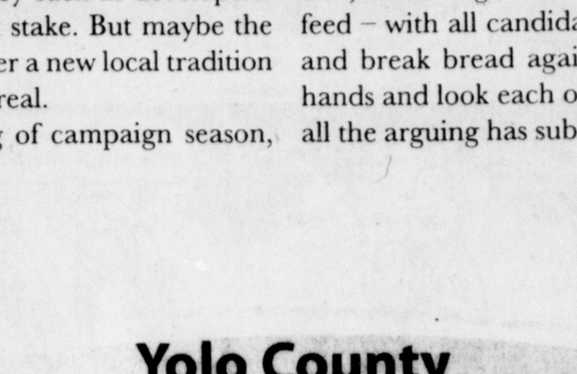

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Letters to the Editor

Change the new high school site

Now that we have a new school board maybe we can have some sensible, intelligent thinking about the new high school location.

It is inappropriate to locate the campus at Linden and Jefferson for many reasons. High density of traffic, everyone in high school has a car. Being close to the shopping center which theoretically could cause problems. Students could loiter and park their cars in the shopping center parking lot. There could be shoplifting, fights and damage, if it will be anything like Tracy High School, recently reported in the news a couple of weeks ago. The shopping center was so unruly that retail sales suffered greatly.

We already have traffic gridlock at Jefferson and Linden and it is only going to get worse, with thousands of new homes planned for the south area.

To our thinking, the new high school should be located at the port. We should be able to work something out with the port for less expensive land and then sell the newly acquired land at Jefferson and Linden.

Bottom line is that Jefferson and Linden is a horrible place for a large high school, so we are hoping common sense will prevail.

CHUCK & SANDRA KING
West Sacramento

Thanks

Congratulations to the city council winners! Lets support them for a better future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the 915 voters who supported me on November 2nd and who had confidence in my ideas and vision for the future of this wonderful community.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 12, 2004
File No. 2004-1010

The following person is doing business as Impressionable Inklings, 2475 Pheasant Hollow Dr., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Carol Michon Witters and James L. Witters, same address.

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/s/James L. Witters

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The following person is doing business as Cents-Able Designs, 1023 Canna Way, West Sacramento CA 95691:

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/s/E. Jane Lowas

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The following person is doing business as Dynamite Tent Trailer Rentals, 3385 Allan Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Danya Martin, 3385 Allan Ave., West Sacramento CA 95691; Steve Ford, 2925 Gabwall Ct., West Sacto., CA 95691.

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/s/Danya Martin

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Donna J. Weycker, 422 B St., Sp. 37, W. Sacto CA 95605.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Berezka Market; Berezka; Berezka European Market, 958 Sacramento Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Margarita Berezenko and Vasiliy Berezenko, 7253 Roycroft Dr., Roseville CA 95678.

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/s/Margarita Berezenko
/s/Vasiliy Berezenko

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of SAVANNAH HORVATH, Minor.
NO. JV-04-00276
CITATION

TO: All Persons Claiming to be the Father.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on January 18, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor child born to Tammy Fernandes on June 30, 2004. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 10-28-04
DORIS L. SHOCKLEY
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 15, 2004
File No. 2004-929

The following person is doing business as Luxury Nails, 2050 Town Center Plaza #B140, West Sacto CA 95691:

Vu Thanh Nguyen, 1673 Galliner Ct., Folsom CA 95630.

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/s/Vu Thanh Nguyen

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File No. 2004-979

The following person is doing business as Bridgeview Market, 330 3rd St., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Clemente Melchor and Ana Maria Melchor, 5870 Nina Way, Sacramento CA 95824.

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/s/Clemente Melchor
/s/Ana Maria Melchor

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Heritage Oaks Apartments; Heritage Oaks, 186 Muir Street, Woodland CA 95695:

Heritage Oaks, L.P. (Calif.), 23622 Calabasas Road, Suite 200, Calabasas CA 91302-1549.

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/s/Cristina Agra-Hughes, Vice President

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Talking Cell Phone Safety

Make It Home For The Holidays—Pull to the side of the road if you need to dial a number on your cell phone while driving.

(NAPS)—If you tend to ring in the holidays by talking on the phone, you've got company. Americans spend more time chatting with friends and family during the holiday season than they do most other times of the year. Try these cell phone tips to help keep you safe and save you money this holiday season.

Safety First

If you talk on the phone while driving, experts recommend you:

- Remember your headset—Use a hands-free device that lets you answer a ringing phone with a voice command.
- Use voice mail—Only take calls that are necessary. The less you talk on a cell phone while driving, the safer you will be.
- Keep it light—When driving, avoid distracting calls that are emotional or intense.
- Text later—Always refrain from other distractions such as sending and receiving text messages while driving.
- Play it safe—Pull over to the side of the road to dial or if a call requires too much attention.

Cost Cutting

While calling to say happy holidays is a great way to keep in touch, it can sometimes result in an unwanted holiday surprise—an unusually high cell phone bill! One of the best ways to avoid such surprises from all the add-on fees and taxes that may result from going over your monthly minute allotment is to switch to a prepaid wireless phone.

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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

PICKIN' OUT A THANKSGIVIN' TURKEY WAS SO MUCH EASIER...
BEFORE "AMERICAN IDOL"!!
I LIKE THE MIDDLE ONE'S GOBBLE BEST!
NO WAY, MOM! THE ONE ON THE RIGHT SOUNDS WAY TASTIER!!
GOBBLE!
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Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

Amber Waves by Dave Phipps

GERALD, HONEY, WAKE UP! IT'S TIME TO GO TO SCHOOL!
IT'S WAY TOO EARLY TO GET UP...
MAYBE I'M STILL ASLEEP AND THIS IS JUST A BAD DREAM!
HOPE YOUR HOMEWORK IS ALL DONE.
A VERY, VERY BAD DREAM.
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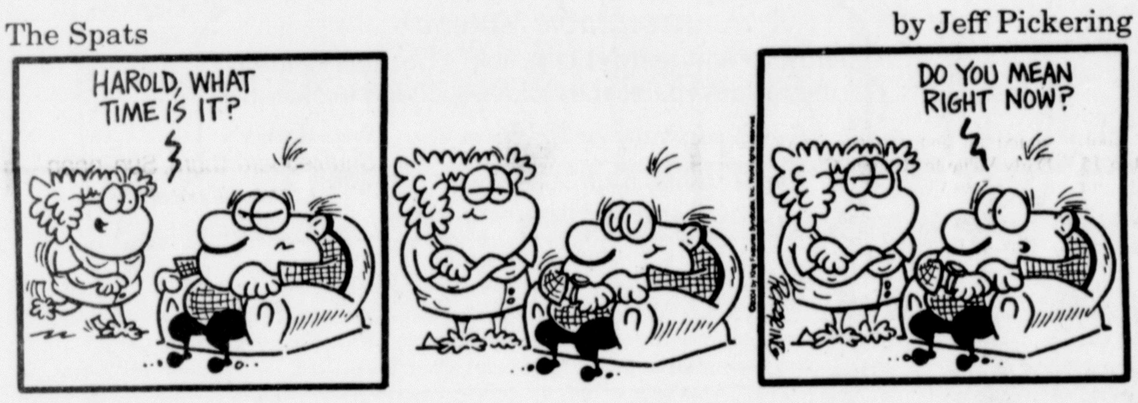
The Spats by Jeff Pickering



POPEYE
HEY EISMAN
JES' A SEC, BRUTUS...
SWISH
...THINK ABOUT WOT YER DOIN'?
WHENEVER YA SEES ME, YA TRY TA KNOCK ME SILLY...
...THEN TIME GOES BY AN' WE GO T'ROO TH' SAME THING...
WOT MAKES YA WANNA GO T'ROO THIS WEEK AFTER WEEK?
I KEEP HOPIN' TA KNOCK YA OUT...
...THERE'S A THRILL TA BE ABLE TA KNOCK SOMEONE OUT WITH ONE PUNCH!
REALLY?!!
POW
BY GOLLY, HE'S RIGHT!

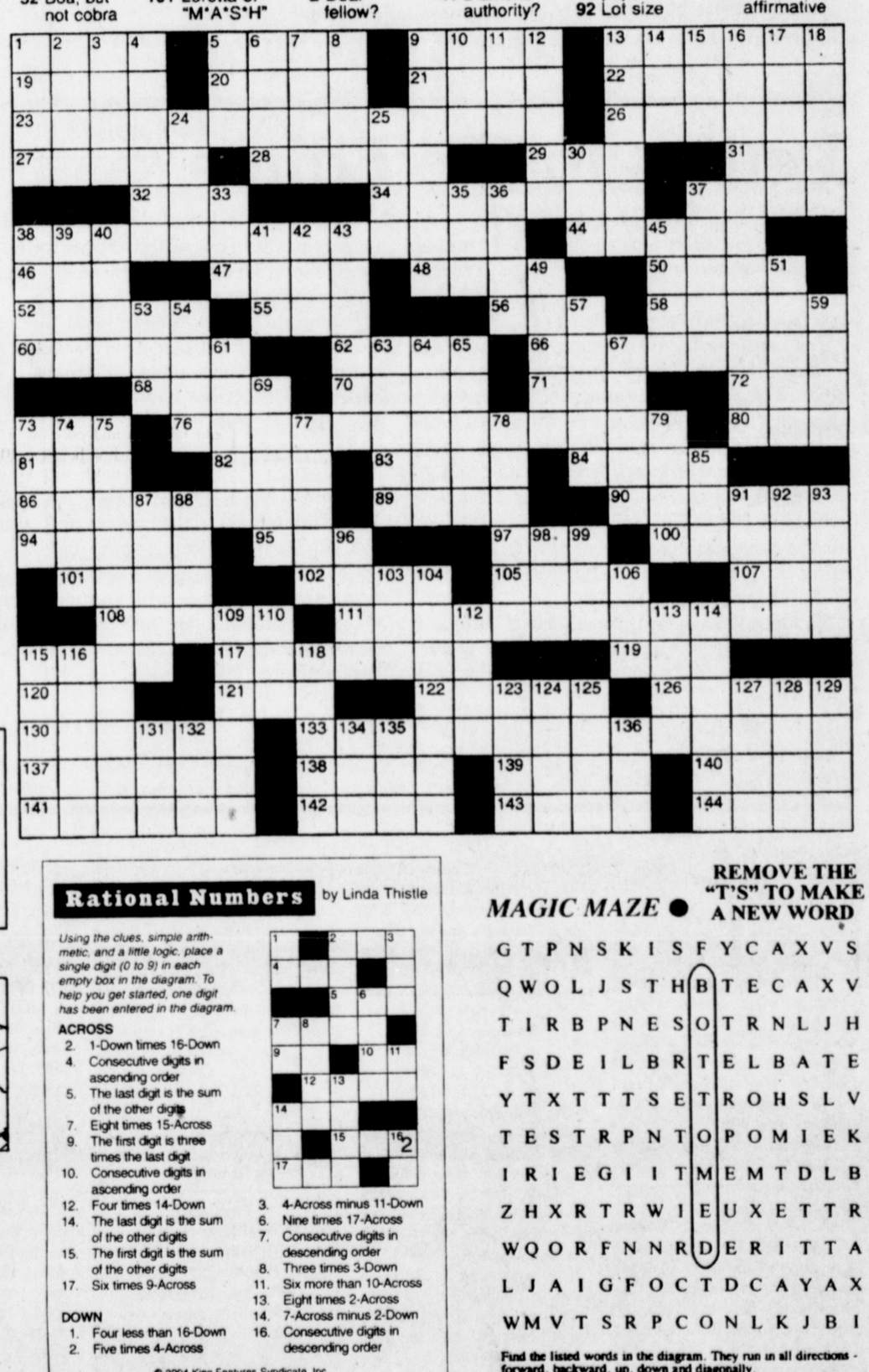
FLASH GORDON
DALE ARDEN
BY JIM KEEFE
AS FLASH'S CRAFT PLUMMETS TO EARTH, THE HOLOGRAMS CREATED BY HIS ROCKETCYCLE BEGIN TO FADE...
...THEN VANISH!
WE'VE LOST VISUAL CONTACT...
REPEAT, WE HAVE LOST VISUAL CONTACT OF THE INVASION FORCE!
OVER.
SHIP'S FORCEFIELD SAVED ME...
KOFF
...BUT JUST BARELY.
COMPUTER SYSTEM'S FRIED.
THERE'S NO WAY TO GENERATE MORE HOLOGRAMS!
AS FLASH FEVERISHLY WORKS TO REPAIR HIS CRAFT...
...AN UNSCRUPULOUS LANDLORD LOOKS OUT HIS WINDOW IN RELIEF.
THE MONSTERS... THEY'RE GONE!
THE THREAT IS OVER!
NEXT: THE THREAT BEGINS!

Super Crossword

SHOCK TREATMENT

ACROSS
1 Not quite closed
5 Doris Day refrain
9 Junket
13 Significance
19 Prepare a pear
20 Author Murdoch
21 Run the show
22 Five iron
23 Electrician's favorite rockers?
26 Shorthand inventor
27 Periwinkle, e.g.
28 Primeval upheaval
29 See 14 Down
31 Mil. policy
32 Lassie's mother
34 Puzzled
37 Word with song or dive
38 Question for a tardy electrician?
44 Figure
46 Nice time of year
47 Genesis name
48 Wordy Webster
50 Eloquent equine
52 Boa, but not cobra
55 Raven maven?
56 Dandy
58 Quick snacks
60 Roller-coaster feeling
62 Apparel
66 Alaric, for one
68 Buddies
70 South Seas novel
71 — Marie Saint
72 TV's "— Haw"
73 Part of USSR
76 Electrician's theme song?
80 "— Parkington" ('44 film)
81 GI's address
82 — down (destroy)
83 Melodious McEntire
84 Galba's garment
86 First state
89 Paradise
90 Sleeve type
94 — nous
95 Cen. segments
97 "— -Tiki"
100 Clear the windshield
101 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
102 Cuban currency
105 Ladies of the lea
107 Hosp. areas
108 "— luego"
111 Electrician's teatime treats?
115 Wading bird
117 '65 Righteous Brothers hit
119 Capote, on stage
120 "Unforget-table" name
121 Born
122 "— Gay"
126 One of the Titans
130 Fleet
133 Electrician's favorite history subject?
137 Tidy up
138 Relate
139 "So — You" ('77 song)
140 — -friendly
141 Borgnine or Gallo
142 Award for 101 Across
143 Chore
144 Work in the lab

DOWN
1 Feigns
2 Dear fellow?
3 Surface measure-ment
4 Dwell
5 "— vous plait"
6 Skater Heiden
7 Loaded
8 Sailing
9 Wagner hero
10 Capek drama
11 Unwell
12 Italian specialty
13 Mischievous
14 With 29 Across, rum cocktail
15 Washington hrs.
16 Words on an electrician's sampler?
17 Lasso
18 Mortise's mate
24 Wilde work
25 Aim
30 Burro
33 Herd word
35 From — Z
36 Page
37 Bit of parsley
38 Singer Dottie
39 Craving
40 Parent
41 Diamond authority?
42 — Paulo, Brazil
43 Sally Struthers' birthplace
45 Both: prefix
49 Humble house
51 Prevent
53 Torn or Taylor
54 Defect
57 Perform a pirouette
59 "— a Lady" ('71 hit)
61 Andes animal
63 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—"
64 Got a galley going
65 Fancy dessert
67 Relish
69 Bedtime reading
73 Mean Marquis
74 Removes the cork
75 Poet turned electrician?
77 Nebbish
78 Maris or Mattingly
79 "My word!"
85 Generation
87 La Scala songs
88 Moistens
91 Pride papa
92 Lot size
93 Stack role
96 Splinter group
98 Hold the deed
99 Safety — 103 "— generis"
104 Hospital worker
106 Fast way to the UK
109 Lodger
110 Lincoln or Lyman
112 Betting setting
113 Learn fast?
114 End product
115 Cockamamie
116 Less adorned
118 Ms. Midler
123 Leave out
124 Turner of "Peyton Place"
125 Hill dwellers
127 — majesty
128 Belligerent deity
129 Spanish artist
131 Enjoyed Thanksgiving
132 — Plaines, IL
134 Clear one's throat
135 Common street name
136 NASA affirmative



Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS
2. 1-Down times 16-Down
4. Consecutive digits in ascending order
5. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
7. Eight times 15-Across
9. The first digit is three times the last digit
10. Consecutive digits in ascending order
12. Four times 14-Down
14. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
15. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
17. Six times 9-Across

DOWN
1. Four less than 16-Down
2. Five times 4-Across
3. 4-Across minus 11-Down
6. Nine times 17-Across
7. Consecutive digits in descending order
8. Three times 3-Down
11. Six more than 10-Across
13. Eight times 2-Across
14. 7-Across minus 2-Down
16. Consecutive digits in descending order

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See answers Page 11

MAGIC MAZE

REMOVE THE "T'S" TO MAKE A NEW WORD

G T P N S K I S F Y C A X V S
Q W O L J S T H B T E C A X V
T I R B P N E S O T R N L J H
F S D E I L B R T E L B A T E
Y T X T T T S E T R O H S L V
T E S T R P N T O P O M I E K
I R I E G I I T M E M T D L B
Z H X R T R W I E U X E T T R
W Q O R F N N R D E R I T T A
L J A I G F O C T D C A Y A X
W M V T S R P C O N L K J B I

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Attired, Battle, Better, Bottomed, Contest, Critters, Fritter, Martinet, Pretty, Shortest, Stints, Tablet, Temptress, Textile, Whittle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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4	3	8	7	3	2	4	8	5	7	8	3	2
P	I	E	Y	P	E	T	O	A	O	F	N	N
3	3	3	6	4	5	3	7	6	2	7	8	4
O	C	T	C	R	N	H	U	I	S	T	H	Y
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G	W	I	F	E	D	E	R	R	D	I	E	S
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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. I would like to know a few things about Leah Remini ("King of Queens"). For example, was she born in the United States or in Italy? Also, how many children does she have? And what part did she play on "Friends"? — *Marie A.*

A. Leah Remini, who co-stars with Kevin James on the CBS series "King of Queens," was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1970. She and her husband, singer Angelo Pagan, have one child, a daughter, Sofia Bella, born in June 2004.

Although you occasionally see old press material indicating that Remini was on "Friends," that's not quite accurate. She did audition for the role of Monica, and some sources say she and Courtney Cox Arquette were on the same short list when the producers decided to go with Arquette because they felt she was closer to the character. And the rest, as they say, is sitcom history.

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Q. I was interested to learn that Ron Reagan, the son of the late President Ronald Reagan, raises parrots. As someone who also raises parrots, I would like to know where I could reach him to discuss our mutual interest. Thank you. — *J.L.*

A. Actually, Ron Reagan doesn't raise parrots. At one time he and his wife owned several and may still have them. But the Reagans are not involved either as a business or hobby in the propogation of parrots.

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Q. My friend and I are longtime fans of "NYPD Blue." Recently, another friend asked if it was true that Gail O'Grady, who is now on "American Dreams," was once married to one of the stars of "NYPD Blue." — *Louise K.*

A. She was not. O'Grady has been married and divorced four times, and none of her former spouses was on the show.

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Q. About 10 years ago (or maybe more) I saw a movie about a caveman and his family, and I'm sure Ringo Starr was in it. But I got strange looks from some of my coworkers when I mentioned that. Can you bail me out on this, or set me straight? Was there such a movie with him in it? — *Libby H.*

Leah Remini

A. There was indeed. Ringo Starr starred in the film "Caveman," which was released in 1981. He met his future wife, Barbara Bach, when she was signed to one of the co-starring roles. The film had a lot of well-known actors in the cast, including Shelley Long ("Cheers"), Dennis Quaid ("Flight of the Phoenix"), Carl Lumbly ("Alias") and Richard Moll ("Evolution").

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Q. Please settle this once and for all. My sister and I disagree about whether Morgan Fairchild ("Arizona Summer") was ever known by another name. I say no. My sister says yes. — *Ronnie W.*

A. You're both right. The star, whose credits include "Dallas" and "Flamingo Road," used her birth name, Patsy Ann McLenny, until she started to do theater in 1973, when she took the name Morgan Fairchild.

Have a question for Evelyn? E-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com, or write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK

by Philomena Corradeno

NEW WINES ADD UNUSUAL TOUCH TO FRUIT DISHES

When there's a birthday, you'd expect to give a gift, but Mirassou, the oldest wine-making family in California, is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a gift to the wine world, unveiling a new line of premium wines: Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, all of them fruity and crisp.

The Mirassou family, now in its sixth generation, was the first to grow grapes in the central coast of California and introduced the first Pinot Noir grapes, with great success.

To further celebrate its sesquicentennial, Mirasssou has developed several recipes using its California wines and has graciously given us two just for our readers. The Savory Cherry Sauce uses a Pinot Noir, and the Pears Poached Purple uses a Cabernet Sauvignon. Both are just in time to add an unusual touch to your Thanksgiving dinner. And, there's enough time now to test them in your own kitchen before the big feast.

SAVORY CHERRY SAUCE

- *2 tablespoons butter*
- *3 tablespoons minced shallots*
- *2 1/2 cups canned sweet cherries, drained*
- *1 cup Mirassou Winery's Central Coast Pinot Noir*
- *1 cup chicken stock or low-sodium broth*
- *1 cinnamon stick*
- *1 teaspoon tarragon*
- *1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 1 tablespoon water*

Melt butter in medium saucepan. Add shallots and cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Stir in cherries, wine, broth and cinnamon stick. Cook 15 minutes over medium heat, then remove cinnamon stick. Let cool slightly, puree in blender or food processor. Return to pan and add tarragon and cornstarch. Cook over medium-low heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until thickened and

reduced to about 1 3/4 cups, stirring frequently. Serve with beef, pork, poultry or lamb. Makes 8 servings.

PEARS POACHED PURPLE

- *6 large, firm pears (such as Anjou)*
- *1 bottle Mirassou California Cabernet Sauvignon*
- *3/4 cup sugar*
- *2 cloves*
- *2 teaspoons ground cinnamon*
- *2 slices orange*
- *2 slices lemon*
- *15 black peppercorns*
- *Whipped cream*

Peel pears, leaving stems attached. Core bottom half of pears and place in a large saucepan. Add wine, sugar, cloves, cinnamon, orange, lemon and peppercorns. Bring to simmer and cook, uncovered, 10 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently, until pears are softened but still firm. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove pears from poaching liquid. Serve cold, garnished with whipped cream. Serves 6.

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NEW PRODUCT NEWS: **Skyy Vodka** has added Skyy Orange to its line of flavored vodkas, which already includes Melon, Berry, Vanilla, Spiced and Citrus. The new product is an all-natural medley of Brazilian and Blood oranges and available in 750 ml, 1 liter and individual 50 mg sizes. It will also be found in bars and restaurants.

For school-lunch-packing moms and dads, look in the refrigerated section for **Lunchables** Lunch Combination Chicken Dunks (an Oscar Mayer product), which includes five breaded, cooked white-meat nuggets, ketchup for dunking, fruit chews and a fruit punch drink. Nutritionally, they have 290 calories with less than 20 percent of them from fat, 5 grams of fat, 1 gram saturated fat and 110 percent of the Daily Value for vitamin C.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"The Grudge"

Running time: 110 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

"The Grudge" is Hollywood's latest foray into taking successful Japanese horror films (like "The Ring") and remaking them with an all-American cast. And if you ignore my recommendation to avoid this film and actually go to see "The Grudge," you'll notice a lot of similarities between it and "The Ring."

That's not necessarily a bad thing, but unfortunately, you'll also see similarities between "The Grudge" and a gajillion other haunted-house movies, most of which were scarier and more entertaining.

The film stars Sarah Michelle Gellar as Karen, an American student social worker living in Japan. Fanboys expecting Gellar to play a character similar to Buffy the Vampire Slayer will be disappointed to find out that Gellar's character is more like Daphne from those insufferable Scooby Doo flicks.

Anyhoo, one day a caregiver goes missing, so Karen must go to the Creepy House on the Hill to take care of an old, catatonic woman. What Karen doesn't know, but will find out soon enough, is that the catatonic woman is a victim of (cue spooky music) ... The Grudge.

Inside the Creepy House, Karen discovers a Creepy Little Boy. And a Creepy Black Cat (how original!). And (cue spooky music) ... The Grudge, a Creepy Crawly Woman With Long Icky Hair Who Makes Kabuki Faces and Turns You Into a Catatonic Vegetable.

To be fair, the first 30 minutes of

Sarah Michelle Gellar

"The Grudge" was fairly good. But after trying to keep track of all the flashbacks, and trying to ignore all the horrible horror-movie cliches that have been done better in other movies, the bad acting and dialogue, I just didn't care anymore.

If you must see a haunted-house movie, rent "The Shining," "The Amityville Horror" or "Poltergeist."

GRADE: C-

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Books

Sports Illustrated 50 Years: The Anniversary Book
by the editors of Sports Illustrated
($29.95, Sports Illustrated Books)
Reviewed by David Smith

It's safe to say that for the past half-century "Sports Illustrated" has been the journal of record of American sports, thanks to its sharp, insightful reporting and feature articles combined with some of the best photography in the world.

"Sports Illustrated 50 Years" is a spectacular anthology that captures the best writing, photography and artwork published in the magazine since its inception in 1954.

Some gems of this collection are Tom Verducci's tribute to Dodgers' pitcher Sandy Koufax, "The Left Arm of God"; Myron Cope's hilarious interview with Howard Cosell; and a letter to the editor from novelist John Steinbeck ("Then My Arm Glassed Up") explaining why he couldn't write an essay on sports.

In the introduction, SI writer Frank Deford says, "I would never have become a sportswriter if it hadn't been for Sports Illustrated. ... I was in the first wave of young writers who grew up with a different appreciation of sportswriting strictly because of the magazine. That the entire brotherhood is both more literate and more respected today owes its thanks to Sports Illustrated."

In addition to a gallery of every cover in its 50-year history, "Sports Illustrated 50 Years" is packed with 240 photographs that create a rich, visual encyclopedia of the greatest moments in American athletics from the past five decades.

If you're looking for a holiday gift for the sports nut in your family, "Sports Illustrated 50 Years" is the perfect present.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

Another Great Pumpkin Pie Recipe

My pumpkin-pie-loving son, James, loved this ultra-easy pie without a crust — enough said!

IMPOSSIBLE PUMPKIN-PECAN PIE

- *1/2 cup reduced-fat biscuit baking mix*
- *Sugar substitute to equal 3/4 cup sugar, suitable for baking*
- *2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice*
- *1 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder*
- *1 cup water*
- *1 tablespoon vanilla extract*
- *2 tablespoons no-fat sour cream*
- *2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute*
- *1 (15-ounce) can solid-packed pumpkin*
- *1/4 cup chopped pecans*
- *1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping*

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a small bowl, combine baking mix, sugar substitute and pumpkin pie spice. In a large bowl, combine dry milk powder and water. Stir in vanilla extract, sour cream, eggs and pumpkin. Add baking mix mixture. Mix well to combine. Fold in pecans. Spread mixture evenly into prepared pie plate. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Place pie plate on a wire rack and let sit for 30 minutes. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. When serving, top each piece with 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Makes 8 servings.

• Each serving equals: 140 calories, 4 g fat, 7 g protein, 19 g carb., 194 mg sodium, 3 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk, 1/2 Fat.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com or call toll free at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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I don't believe professional athletes should be role models. I believe parents should be role models.
—Charles Barkley

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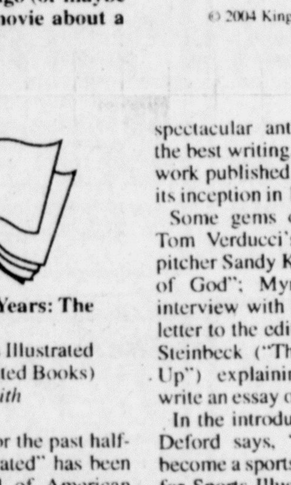
TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation With William H. Macy

On Sunday, Nov. 21, TNT will air "The Wool Cap," based on the Jackie Gleason classic feature film, "Gigot." The story of "The Wool Cap" focuses on a mute building superintendent named Gigot, who lives with the demons of his past, but finds his hopes renewed when he takes on the responsibility of caring for a child whose mother has abandoned her. The film stars Don Rickles ("The Catch") as Ira, a tenant who wants to be Gigot's friend; Ned Beatty ("Homicide: Life on the Street") as Gigot's estranged father; Keke Palmer ("Barbershop 2") as Lou, the little girl who changes Gigot's life; and award-winning actor William H. Macy ("Door to Door," "Fargo") as Gigot. Macy and Stephen Schacter co-wrote the teleplay and share producer credits.



"The Wool Cap"
TNT
Sunday, Nov. 21

"This is a story about family," William H. Macy says, "and how when you allow love and trust to come into your life, something wonderful happens — even to a man like Gigot who can't speak, who drinks too much, and has to wrestle every day with his inner demons, and to a little girl who believes no one could want her, let alone love her. And what they create is what they need most: a family."

Macy, who had previously starred in the TNT film "Door to Door" (for which he won an Emmy), says he and longtime collaborator Steve Schacter wanted to work with the network again. "And when Steve found this story, we knew that it was the right project to bring (to TNT)."

Gigot and Lou were the most unlikely people one would expect to ever get along with each other, let alone come to love one another. "Both had lived their lives in a shell," Macy says. "The world hadn't been kind to them, so to avoid being hurt again and again, they simply shut the world out. But even when they do that, people can't really ignore who they are and what they need. They may hide it, disguise it or even pretend it doesn't exist. But people need love in their lives."

In the course of the film, Gigot — who didn't want Lou around and tried to get someone else to take her — realizes he loves her and wants her in his life. For Lou, the same miraculous epiphany occurs when he makes it possible for her to accept love and return it.

"It takes strength and courage," Macy says, "to change who you are to what you can be."

In this Thanksgiving season, William H. Macy says that while Gigot and Lou don't look like a "Norman Rockwell family, they are a family nonetheless — and probably stronger than many because they chose to become one."

In Focus

On Sunday, Nov. 21, CBS will air the Hallmark Hall of Fame Presentation "Back When We Were Grownups." The film's stars include **Faye Dunaway** ("Network"), **Jack Palance** ("City Slickers"), **Peter Fonda** ("Ulee's Gold"), **Peter Riegert** ("Gypsy") and **Blythe Danner** ("Sylvia") as Rebecca ("Beck"), a widow who raised three stepdaughters and her own child, while also caring for Poppy (**Jack Palance**), the 99-year-old twin brother of her late husband's father.

"Back When We Were Grownups" introduces us to a family that Blythe Danner says is more than dysfunctional: "It's a mixed-up mish-mash of selfish, greedy, needy people, and Beck somehow keeps it all together with the wonderful sense of joy that she has about life. And as difficult as life can be dealing with these people, she manages to keep going.

"But," Danner continues, "while she meets their needs, as we see all too often with women like her, she ignores her own."

Blythe Danner

Is that because it's a cultural thing? Are women raised to give to others before they give to themselves? Or is it because they're responding to a protective gene?

"Maybe both," Danner says. "I see in my daughter (**Gwyneth Paltrow**) the same strong urge to love and protect her child that I felt when I was raising her. So it may be that we have an inborn drive to care for our young, and by extension, for the whole family."

DIAL TONES: On Nov. 25, Lifetime will air "TV's Greatest Sidekicks," hosted by "Laverne & Shirley" (actually, by their portrayers, **Penny Marshall** and **Cindy Williams**). The show reunites some of the great co-stars of television sitcoms, such as **Georgia Engel, Betty White** and **Valerie Harper** of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"; **Renee Taylor** of "The Nanny"; **and Jackee Harry** of "227."

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THE YOLO INDEPENDENT — FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1921

REFERENDUM WILL BE INVOKED IF VOLSTEAD LAW IS PASSED BY YOLO SUPERVISORS

In another column of this issue will be found an account of the meeting of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors which took place in Woodland last Monday, and at which meeting the fanatics tried to pass a little Volstead law for Yolo County.

Supervisor Leinberger and ex-Supervisor Palm of Washington District successfully blocked the passage of the law temporarily, but it will be brought up again at the meeting to be held September 6th.

Residents of Washington district oppose this law. Many of them are hop growers and barley growers and cannot see any reason for it. They object to foolish and useless expenditures by the District Attorney in chasing blind piggers.

Great sums have been squandered in this way, and yet there is as much drunkenness in Woodland and Knights Landing now as when saloons were paying revenue into the county treasury.

At two successive elections, 1920 and 1918, the people of Yolo County voted against prohibition. The majority against prohibition last fall was 342.

If the little Volstead act should be passed over Leinberger's head on September 6th the referendum will be invoked and a vote taken on the question.

The hop growers and barley growers and grape growers of the county will be present at the September meeting to protest against the passage of the act by the Supervisors.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT TO COMMIT MURDER AGAINST ROCHA

On complaint of Chas. Brax, Fernando Rocha, a Mexican, will have his preliminary hearing next Monday before Judge Barry on the charge of assault to commit murder.

On July 6th Rocha, excited with an overdose of jackass brandy, which he secured in Marysville, shot Brax in the arm without provocation.

Since that time he has been in Woodland Jail because Brax would not make up his mind to swear to a complaint against him.

A few days ago Brax decided to have the man punished, fearing he would do further damage.

Rocha met Brax near the M-street bridge and asked him if he loved Christ. Brax made no answer and Rocha replied "Well, I guess I'll take a shot at you any way."

The hearing will be held at 10 a. m. in Judge Barry's court.

The fool killer is out with his rifle since the deer season opened.

Avoid him like you would a prohibition officer.

H. Jasper, Mrs. L. Ostrum of Wheatland and Miss Minnie Roberts of Alder Creek.

A. A. Dassonville and son and daughter spent the day in San Francisco last Friday.

Mrs. Hugo Frommelt and daughter, Ernestine, and Mrs. E. H. Kleiman and daughter have been in San Francisco during the past week.

Mrs. T. E. Sanchez with her two daughters, Inez and Isabel, left for Pleasanton last Saturday to be away two weeks. They will also visit in San Francisco and Oakland.

Mrs. E. Reynolds and children have returned from a week's visit in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Palm and family have returned from spending their vacation in Los Angeles.

P. O. Van Deren and family have returned to Washington after a two weeks vacation in Plumas County.

Mrs. Paul J. Munson and two daughters of Los Angeles were the guests last week at the home of Mrs. William Wood, Jr., en route from their home to Minneapolis. While here they made a visit to the State Capitol to view the portrait of the late Lieutenant Governor John Eshelman, who was a brother of Mrs. Munson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Cook, with their daughter, Miss Ethel Cook, and son Floyd, and Mrs. Anna Chambers, motored last Saturday to Woodland, and on Sunday to Placerville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas and Roy Pankost motored to Knights Landing last Sunday.

Mrs. A. A. Dassonville and children and Mrs. I. K. Manchester have returned from a short visit to San Francisco.

Lee Lee, Chinese said to have been in the habit of selling drugs from his laundry wagon, was arrested in Sacramento last Wednesday at 1119, alley, I and J streets, by Captain of Detectives W. Hallanan and Record Clerk Robert Dundas. The Chinese was seen to enter the house by the officers. No drugs were found on him, but he is being held at the City Jail for investigation.

A cleanup of automobile drivers who drive on the Twelfth street road without their headlights on after sunset, with unlit tail lights or glaring headlights was made by Constable King Lee of North Sacramento, formerly a resident of Washington, in front of Tucker's garage Saturday night. Seventy-five arrests were made. Charles J. Chenu, Superintendent of the State Motor Vehicle Department, supervised the arrests.

G. A. Byrne of Masasha, Wis., has been visiting at the home of C. F. Noyes in Bryte for several days.

A man's leg was found in the brush at Front and Y streets in Sacramento the other day.

Many a poor fellow has had his leg pulled but seldom have we read about it being pulled off.

A Milwaukee lady was found the other day with two demijohns of moonshine in a baby buggy.

That isn't as bad as the lady who crossed the Oregon line two years ago nursing a demijohn with a false face for a head.

WATER CHARGES DRAW FIRE FROM CONSUMERS

Early this present year the Washington Water and Light Company was given permission to install meters for property owners who were believed to be using more than their rightful share of water.

The State Railroad Commission granted the permisison so that the corporation might be able to pay a reasonable dividend on the invested capital.

The average charge for a household using water from the waterworks is about $1.50 per month. Large houses with many rooms are charged a little more proportionately.

At many homes where meter have been installed the water charges have been climbing to the great dissatisfaction of the property owners. One of these said to The Independent yesterday that his last month's bill was over $4, and that he had not used any water for irrigating purposes or for the growing of vegetables or maintaining a lawn. He declared the only water consumed was in his home and yet the monthly charge was over $4.

The Independent has not had time to investigate this charge against the Washington Water and Light Company, but was not in favor of water meters at any time, for the reason that where they have been installed the cost of consumption has invariably increased.

More of this will be heard later on, and may be reported to the State Railroad Commission when all the facts in the case are at hand.

MEXICAN HOME ROBBED OF MANY VALUABLES

Last Wednesday afternoon while Mrs. Perez was absent from her home in Reed's alley the rear door was pried open and the place ransacked thoroughly.

Mrs. Perez was absent but a few minutes, but on her return she found that six gold rings had been stolen, one check in the amount of $150, another check in the amount of $50, $80 in currency and a Colt's revolver valued at about $18.

All these articles were in a trunk which contained valuable clothing, while in another trunk only brick-brac was contained.

This latter trunk was not touched.

A gold watch valued at about $60 and a pair of baby shoes were taken from a dresser.

Constable Buckingham believes that the robber knew intimately the layout of the house and the safe-keeping place for the valuables.

A Mexican that had been around the house disappeared soon after the robbery and has not been seen since.

In another part of the house currency amounting to $120 was concealed and missed by the intruder.

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Reaching out to vets

The West Sacramento City Council on October 20 lauded the efforts of "Operation Hand Up," a collaboration of veterans and the county Veterans Service Office providing outreach to homeless veterans in this city and Yolo County. Pictured above are (left to right) City Council Member Bill Kristoff, Yolo County Veterans Service Officer Ted Puntillo and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 members Jack Hawkins, Monte Whitefield and Hugh King.

Courtesy of City of West Sacramento

Funds for shelter

From the County of Yolo

Four Yolo County homeless services agencies were recently awarded Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Program (FESG) funds in the amount of $432,616 to help support the area's homeless service providers. The award will stabilize programs that have been impacted by reductions to other state and federal funding streams and allow the awarded agencies to maintain current levels of service.

"To receive this Federal money this year to provide services essential to assisting homeless people to become sufficient is just terrific, since we struggle so much in so many ways with these programs," said Supervisor Helen Thomson, Vice Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

For Yolo Wayfarer Center in Woodland, this funding provided increased support for four additional family transitional units. Judy Powell, family program director, said, "More than 50 families per year, including 70-80 children, are currently provided shelter by the program. The new units will help reduce the additional waiting list of 17 families still in need of shelter."

Leona Jull, the executive director at Wayfarer and chair of the Yolo County Homeless Coalition, stated, "We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in this capacity but couldn't do it without funding from programs like FESG. It makes food and shelter available in each of the communities of Yolo County that provide services to the 899 homeless counted during the 2003 homeless survey."

The Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds emergency shelters, services and transitional housing for homeless individuals and families. FESG awards in Yolo County include: $64,320 for Broderick Christian Center in West Sacramento; $55,377 for Davis Community Meals in Davis; $60,000 for Yolo Community Care Continuum; and $252,919 for Woodland's Yolo Wayfarer Center.

All agencies receiving funds participate in the Yolo County Homeless Coalition. The Coalition provides leadership on homelessness in Yolo County and strives to address the needs of homeless and low-income individuals and families through a collaborative approach to funding and service delivery. Coalition members and partners include nonprofit service providers and local governments. A primary responsibility of the Coalition is the annual Continuum of Care process, which identifies gaps in services through a series of community meetings and a Homeless Summit.

At this year's Summit held on March 31, 2004, the community prioritized the need for more emergency shelter beds; very low-cost housing; supportive living opportunities; and a crisis support service and referral system to address multiple issues such as homeless prevention, mental health, and substance abuse treatment. For more information, contact the Wayfarer Center in Woodland at (530) 661-1218.

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The dog was created especially for children. He is the god of frolic.
—Henry Ward Beecher
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Now here's a tip! by Jo Ann Derson

• You can store plastic grocery bags neatly under your cabinet in a box from a 12-pack of soda. Or, for a smaller amount, use a tissue box.

• "Instead of buying a refill for my wet mop, I use a splash of Lysol and water in the existing container. It saves me lots of money. Those mops are convenient, but buying refills can be expensive." — J.C. in Florida

• "I buy gifts all year long for the holidays. I save them in a closet until the holidays, when I get them out and have festive fun wrapping them. As a matter of fact, I buy my cards after Christmas, too — on sale. I just get them out and start writing the day after Thanksgiving instead of shopping." — M.E. in Minnesota

• "When you travel, keep a $20 bill in your sock in case your wallet gets stolen or misplaced before you can get back to your hotel room. You can write the address of your hotel on the bill too." — B.P. in Maryland

• "I have a lovely metal tray that I like very much but didn't have counter space for in my kitchen. My husband attached it to the wall with a screw and found some lovely magnets. I use it to hold recipe cards when I am cooking or ones that I plan to cook that day. It is wonderful." — A.A. in Arizona

• "When you use a public restroom, if the towel dispenser has a lever on it, pull down a towel for the person after you, so they don't have to touch the machine. If everyone did this, there would be fewer germs spread, and we would all be healthier." — B.M. in New York

• When trying to open a stuck jar, tap the sides of the lid on the counter or the floor on all sides. The jar will magically open. Try it!

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or e-mail JoAnn at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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The end product of child raising is not the child but the parent.
—Frank Pittman
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top 10 movies

1. **The Grudge** .....(PG-13)
Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr
2. **Shark Tale** .....(PG)
Will Smith, Robert DeNiro
3. **Shall We Dance?** .....(PG-13)
Jennifer Lopez, Richard Gere
4. **Friday Night Lights** .....(PG-13)
Billy Bob Thornton, Derek Luke
5. **Team America: World Police** .....(R)
Trey Parker, Matt Stone
6. **Ladder 49** .....(PG-13)
Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta
7. **Surviving Christmas**.....(PG-13)
Ben Affleck, Christina Applegate
8. **Taxi** .....(PG-13)
Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon
9. **The Forgotten** .....(PG-13)
Julianne Moore, Dominic West
10. **I Heart Huckabees** .....(R)
Jude Law, Naomi Watts

Top 10 Top Video Rentals

1. **Walking Tall** .....(PG-13)
The Rock (MGM)
2. **Man on Fire** .....(R)
Denzel Washington (Fox Video)
3. **Fahrenheit 9/11** .....(R)
Michael Moore (Columbia TriStar)
4. **Mean Girls** .....(PG-13)
Lindsay Lohan (Paramount)
5. **Envy** .....(PG-13)
Jack Black (DreamWorks)
6. **The Alamo** .....(PG-13)
Dennis Quaid (Touchstone)
7. **Ladykillers** .....(R)
Tom Hanks (Touchstone)
8. **The Punisher** .....(R)
John Travolta (Lions Gate)
9. **Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind** .....(R)
Jim Carrey (Universal Studios)
10. **Saved** .....(PG-13)
Jena Malone (MGM)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **Aladdin — Special Edition** (G) (Walt Disney)
2. **Fahrenheit 9/11** .....(R) (Columbia TriStar)
3. **Walking Tall** .....(PG-13) (MGM)
4. **Star Wars Trilogy — Widescreen 4-Pack** .....(PG) (Fox Video)
5. **Barbie as The Princess and The Pauper**.....(NR) (Lions Gate)
6. **Man on Fire** .....(R) (Fox Video)
7. **Saved** .....(PG-13) (MGM)
8. **Home on the Range** .....(PG) (Walt Disney)
9. **Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind** .....(R) (Universal Studios)
10. **Mean Girls — Pan & Scan Special Collector's Ed.** ....(PG-13) (Paramount)

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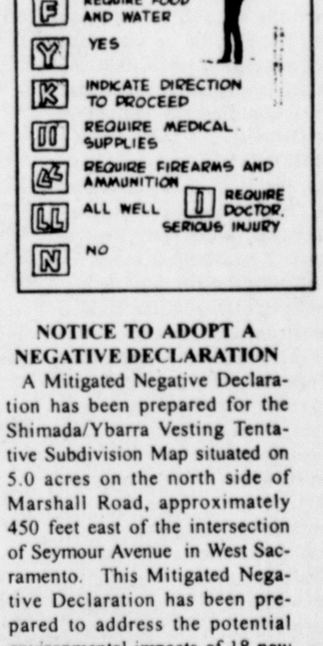

NOTICE TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Shimada/Ybarra Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map situated on 5.0 acres on the north side of Marshall Road, approximately 450 feet east of the intersection of Seymour Avenue in West Sacramento. This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared to address the potential environmental impacts of 18 new single-family residential lots, one recreation corridor lot and one drainage canal lot on lands zoned for the proposed uses. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that with the implementation of recommended mitigation measures there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file in the office of the West Sacramento Community Development Department at 1110 West Capital Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 (telephone: 916-617-4645).

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration on December 2, 2004 in the City Council chambers located at 1110 West Capital Avenue, West Sacramento, CA, 95691 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Any affected or interested parties may appear at the December 2, 2004 Planning Commission meeting and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration and/or the proposed project.

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Answers to 'Sports Quiz' (p. 3) and Puzzles (p. 8)

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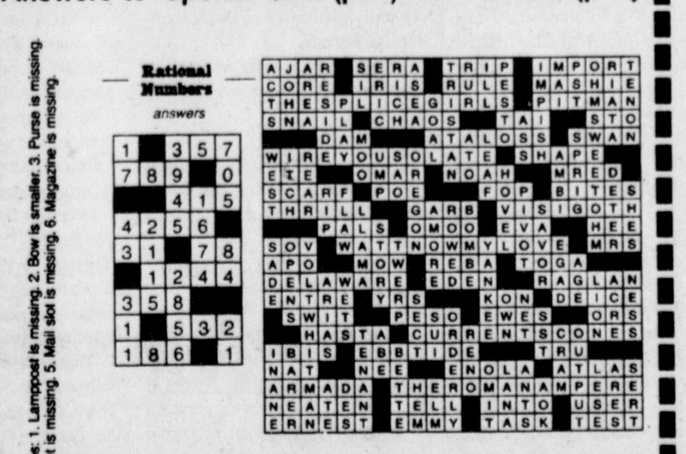

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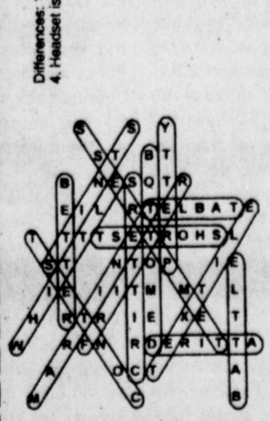

Answers

1. Carlton Fisk of the Chicago White Sox was 43 when he belted a grand slam in 1991.
2. Catfish Hunter was 22 years, 1 month old.
3. It was 1990.
4. True.
5. Three times — 1989 (2.47), 1992 (2.36) and 2002 (1.94).
6. Brazil lost to Uruguay in 1950.
7. He beat Alan Minter.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX WITHIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 21 (PARLIN RANCH)

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2004, this Council adopted its Resolution No. 04-85 (the "Resolution of Intention to Establish the District") stating its intention to form Community Facilities District No. 21 (Parlin Ranch) of the City of West Sacramento (the "District") pursuant to Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 (commencing with Section 53311) of the California Government Code, commonly known as the "Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982" (the "Act");

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2004, this Council also adopted its Resolution No. 04-86 the "Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness") stating its intention to incur bonded indebtedness, in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000, within the District for the purpose of financing the costs of certain public facilities specified in the Resolution of Intention to Establish the District (the "Facilities");

WHEREAS, notice was published as required by law relative to the intention of this Council to form the proposed District and to incur the bonded indebtedness;

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2004, this Council held the noticed public hearings as required by law (1) to determine whether it should proceed with the establishment of the District and authorize, subject to a vote of the qualified electors, the levy of a special tax to be levied within the District sufficient to pay debt service on bonds to be issued to finance the Facilities, to pay for the Facilities, and to pay any authorized costs and expenses related thereto, all as described in the Resolution of Intention to Establish the District; and (2) on the proposal to incur the bonded indebtedness, subject to a vote of the qualified electors, as described in the Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness;

WHEREAS, at the hearings all persons desiring to be heard on all matters pertaining to the formation of the District, the levy of the special tax, the proposed issuance of the bonded indebtedness, and all other matters set forth in the Resolution of Intention to Establish the District and the Resolution of Intention to Incur Bonded Indebtedness, were heard and considered and full and fair hearings were held thereon;

WHEREAS, following the hearings, this Council did, on October 20, 2004, adopt its Resolution No. 04-91 (the "Resolution of Formation") which established the District, determined the validity of prior proceedings relative to the formation of the District and authorized the levy of a special tax within the District, called an election for November 3, 2004, on the propositions of levying the special tax and establishing an appropriations limit within the District, and ordered the election consolidated with the election at which the proposition of incurring the bonded indebtedness is submitted to the qualified electors within the District;

WHEREAS, following the hearings, this Council did, on October 20, 2004, also adopt its Resolution No. 04-92 (the "Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness") which determined the necessity of incurring the bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed $5,000,000 and called an election within the District for November 3, 2004, on the proposition of incurring the bonded indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2004, in accordance with the Resolution of Formation and the Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness, a consolidated election was held within the District at which the qualified electors approved by more than a two-thirds vote the propositions of levying the special tax, establishing the appropriations limit, and incurring the bonded indebtedness;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Sacramento **DOES ORDAIN,** as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and this Council so finds and determines.

2. By the passage of this Ordinance, this Council authorizes and levies a special tax within the District pursuant to Sections 53328 and 53340 of the Act, at the rate and in accordance with the method of apportionment set forth in EXHIBIT A hereto (the "Rate and Method of Apportionment"). The special tax is levied commencing in fiscal year 2005-2006, and in each fiscal year thereafter until the earlier of (a) the date at which the tax is no longer needed for its purposes described in the Resolution of Formation and the Resolution to Incur Bonded Indebtedness, or (b) the fiscal year ending June 30, 2040.

3. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed each fiscal year to determine the special tax to be levied for the next ensuing fiscal year for each parcel of real property within the District, in the manner and as provided in the Rate and Method of Apportionment.

4. Properties or entities of the State, federal or local governments are exempt from the levy of the special tax to the extent set forth in the Rate and Method of Apportionment. In no event shall the special tax be levied on any parcel within the District in excess of the maximum tax specified in the Rate and Method of Apportionment.

5. All of the collections of the special tax shall be used as provided for in the Act and the Resolution of Formation.

6. The special tax shall be collected on the secured real property tax roll in the same manner as ordinary *ad valorem* taxes are collected. The special tax shall have the same lien priority, and be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquency as provided for *ad valorem* taxes. In addition, the provisions of Section 53356.1 of the Act shall apply to delinquent special tax payments. The Director of Finance is authorized and directed to provide all necessary information to the Treasurer-Tax Collector of Yolo County and to otherwise take all actions necessary in order to effect proper billing and collection of the special tax, so that the special tax is levied and collected in sufficient amounts and at times necessary to satisfy the financial obligations of the District in each fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Director of Finance may collect one or more installments of the special tax by means of direct billing of the property owners within the District if, in his judgment, such means of collection will reduce the burden of administering the District or is otherwise appropriate in the circumstances. In such event, the special tax will become delinquent if not paid when due as set forth in any such billing to the property owners.

7. If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, or if the special tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel within the District, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance and the application of the special tax to the remaining parcels within the District shall not be affected.

8. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption and, within 15 days after its adoption, the City Clerk shall cause it to be published at least once, with the names of those Council members voting for and against the Ordinance, in a paper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of West Sacramento.

Introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento held on October 20, 2004.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Sacramento held on November 3, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: Kristoff, Montemayor, Villegas, Cabaldon
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pierson

/s/Christopher L. Cabaldon, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Robert E. Murphy, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
Community Facilities District No. 21 (Parlin Ranch)
City of West Sacramento, California
RATE, METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT, AND MANNER OF COLLECTION OF SPECIAL TAX

1, Basis of Special Tax Levy

A Special Tax authorized under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 (the "Act") applicable to the land in Community Facilities District No. 21 (Parlin Ranch) (the "CFD") of the City of West Sacramento (the "City") shall be levied and collected according to the tax liability determined by the City through the application of the appropriate amount or rate, as described below.

2. Definitions

"**Act**" means the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, being Sections 53311 and following of the California Government Code.

"**Administrative Expenses**" means the actual or reasonably estimated costs related to the administration of the CFD, including:
Costs of computing Special Taxes and preparing annual Special Tax collection schedules (whether by the City or any designee thereof or both);
Costs of collecting the Special Taxes (whether by the County, the City, or otherwise);
Costs of remitting the Special Taxes to the Trustee;
Costs of the Trustee (including its legal counsel) in the discharge of the duties required of it under the Bond Indenture;
Costs to the City, CFD, or any designee thereof of complying with arbitrage rebate requirements;
Costs to the City, CFD or any designee thereof of complying with City, CFD or obliged persons disclosure requirements;
Costs associated with preparing Special Tax disclosure statements;
Costs incurred in responding to public inquiries regarding the Special Taxes;
Costs to the City, CFD, or any designee thereof related to any appeal of the Special Tax;
Costs associated with the release of funds from an escrow account, if any; and
Amounts estimated to be advanced or advanced by the City for any other administrative purposes, including attorney's fees and other costs related to commencing and pursuing to completion any foreclosure of delinquent Special Taxes.

"**Administrator**" means the City Finance Director or his or her designee.

"**Annual Costs**" means, for any Fiscal Year, the total of the following:
i) Debt Service to be paid from Special Taxes collected during such Fiscal Year;
ii) Administrative Expenses for such Fiscal Year;
iii) The amount needed to replenish the reserve fund for the Bonds to the level required under the Bond Indenture;
iv) An amount equal to the amount of delinquencies in payments of Special Taxes levied in the previous Fiscal Year and/or anticipated for the current Fiscal Year; and,
v) Pay-as-you-go expenditures for Authorized Facilities; and
vi) Less any earnings on the reserve fund and special tax fund that are transferred to the bond redemption fund pursuant to the Bond Indenture.

"**Authorized Facilities**" means those facilities authorized to be funded by the CFD, as identified in the resolution forming the CFD.

"**Base Year**" means the Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

"**Benefit Share**" means the Maximum Annual Special Tax for a Taxable Parcel divided by the Maximum CFD Revenue.

"**Bond(s)**" means bond(s) issued or other indebtedness incurred by the City for the CFD under the Act.

"**Bond Authorization**" means the maximum amount of Bonds that the CFD is authorized to issue pursuant to the Bond Indenture.

"**Bond Indenture**" means the indenture, resolution, fiscal agent agreement, or other financing document pursuant to which any Bonds are issued.

"**Bond Share**" means the share of Bonds assigned to a Parcel as specified in **Section 7** hereof.

"**CFD**" means the Community Facilities District No. 21 (Parlin Ranch) of the City.

"**City**" means the City of West Sacramento, California.

"**Council**" means the City Council of West Sacramento acting for the CFD under the Act.

"**County**" means the County of Yolo, California.

"**County Assessor's Parcel**" means the Assessor's Parcel number for any parcel of land in the CFD as recorded by the County Assessor on the County equalized tax roll.

"**Debt Service**" means the total amount of principal, interest, and any scheduled sinking fund payments of the Bonds.

"**Developed Parcel**" means a Parcel in one of the following land use categories that has received from the City the applicable development approval for that land use category as follows:

Land Use: Development Approval

Single Family Residential Parcel=> Final Subdivision Map
Other Land Uses => Building Permit

"**Final Subdivision Map**" means a recorded map designating individual Single Family Residential Parcels.

"**Fiscal Year**" means the period starting July 1 and ending the following June 30.

"**Full Prepayment**" means the fulfillment of a Parcel's complete Special Tax obligation, as determined by following the procedures in **Section 7**.

"**Maximum CFD Revenue**" means the sum of the Maximum Annual Special Tax for all of the Taxable Parcels in the CFD for a Fiscal Year.

"**Maximum Annual Special Tax**" means the greatest amount of Special Tax that can be levied against a Taxable Parcel in a Fiscal Year as shown in **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2**.

"**Net Acre(age)**" means the acreage of a Parcel as shown on the final map or parcel map excluding the right-of-way dedicated and accepted by a public agency for streets, roads, landscaping, and other public purposes.

"**Original Parcel**" means a Parcel as identified by Assessor's Parcel Number on **Attachment 1**.

"**Other Land Uses**" means all taxable Developed Parcels with land uses other than single family residential. Although the CFD is intended to include only single family residential development, rezoning may allow other uses. Multi-family residential, retail, office, mixed-use, and industrial property would be taxable as Other Land Uses.

"**Outstanding Bonds**" means the total principal amount of Bonds that have been issued and not fully repaid or legally defeased. Prior to the initial Bond sale, Outstanding Bonds shall be equal to the Bond Authorization.

"**Parcel**" means any parcel of land, identified by County Assessor's Parcel, in the CFD based on the equalized tax rolls of the County as of the January 1 next preceding the Fiscal Year.

"**Partial Prepayment**" means a prepayment of a portion of a Parcel's Special Tax obligation, as set forth in **Section 7**.

"**Partial Prepayment Factor**" means a factor by which the Maximum Annual Special Tax for a Partial Prepayment Parcel is multiplied to calculate an adjusted Maximum Annual Special Tax for such Parcel. Each Partial Prepayment Factor shall be calculated according to the steps described under **Section 7** hereof.

"**Partial Prepayment Parcel**" means a Parcel for which a Partial Prepayment is applied.

"**Prepayment**" means the partial or complete fulfillment of a Parcel's Special Tax obligation, as determined by following the procedures in **Section 7**.

"**Public Parcel**" means any Parcel that is or is intended to be publicly owned, as designated in the vesting tentative map or final map, that is normally exempt from the levy of general ad valorem property taxes under California law, including public streets, schools, parks, public drainageways, public landscaping, wetlands, greenbelts, and public open space.

"**Reserve Fund Requirement**" means the amount required to be held in the reserve fund created under the Bond Indenture.

"**Reserve Fund Share**" means the lesser of: (i) Reserve Fund Requirement or (ii) the reserve fund balance at the time of such calculation, multiplied by the Benefit Share for a given Parcel.

"**Single Family Residential Parcel**" means a single family residential lot created by the recordation of a Final Subdivision Map.

"**Special Tax(es)**" mean(s) any special tax levied hereunder on Taxable Parcels in the CFD.

"**Subdivision**" means a division of an Original Parcel or Successor Parcel into two or more Successor Parcels through the Subdivision Map Act process.

"**Successor Parcel**" means a Parcel created by Subdivision.

"**Tax Collection Schedule**" means the document prepared by the City for the County Auditor to use in levying and collecting the Special Tax each Fiscal Year.

"**Tax Escalation Factor**" means a factor of 2% that will be applied annually for the first fourteen (14) Fiscal Years after the Base Year to increase the Maximum Annual Special Tax. After Fiscal Year 2018-2019 the Maximum Annual Special Tax shall cease to escalate. The Tax Escalation Factor is applied to all Taxable Parcels until a series of Bonds is issued. Taxable Parcels classified as Developed Parcels at the time a series of Bonds is issued will thereafter no longer be subject to the Tax Escalation Factor. However, Taxable Parcels that are Undeveloped Parcels at the time a series of Bonds is issued will continue to be subject to the Tax Escalation Factor.

"**Taxable Parcel**" means any Parcel that is not a Tax-Exempt Parcel.

"**Tax-Exempt Parcel**" means a Parcel not subject to the Special Tax. Tax-Exempt Parcels include: (i) Public Parcels and (ii) any Parcel for which the Special Tax has been fully prepaid under **Section 7** hereof. Certain privately owned Parcels may also be exempt from the levy of Special Taxes including common areas owned by homeowner's associations or property owner associations, wetlands, detention basins, water quality ponds, and open space, as determined by the Administrator.

"**Undeveloped Parcel**" means a Taxable Parcel that is not a Developed Parcel.

"**Unit(s)**" means the number of taxable developed residential unit(s) assigned to a Parcel by the Administrator.

3. Determination of Parcels Subject to Special Tax

The City shall prepare a list of the Taxable Parcels subject to the Special Tax. The City shall identify the Taxable Parcels from a list of all Parcels within the CFD boundary by excluding all Tax-Exempt Parcels.

4. Termination of the Special Tax

The Special Tax will be levied and collected for as long as it is needed to pay Annual Costs. However, in no event shall the Special Tax be levied on any Parcel in the CFD after Fiscal Year 2039-2040.

When all Annual Costs incurred by the CFD have been paid, the Special Tax shall cease to be levied. The City shall direct the County Recorder to record a Notice of Cessation of Special Tax. Such notice will state that the obligation to pay the Special Tax has ceased and that the lien imposed by the Notice of Special Tax Lien is extinguished. The Notice of Cessation of Special Tax shall additionally identify the book and page of the Book of Maps of Assessment and Community Facilities Districts where the map of the boundaries of the CFD is recorded.

5. Assignment of Maximum Annual Special Tax

The Maximum Annual Special Tax is assigned to Taxable Parcels using the following steps.

A. Classification of Parcels. Each Fiscal Year, using the Definitions above, the Parcel records of the County Assessor's Secured Tax Roll as of January 1, and other City development approval records as of June 1, the City shall cause:
1. Each Parcel to be classified as a Tax-Exempt Parcel or Taxable Parcel,
2. Each Taxable Parcel to be classified as an Original Parcel, a Successor Parcel, or a Partial Prepayment Parcel; and,
3. Each Original Parcel and Successor Parcel is to be further classified as a Developed Parcel or an Undeveloped Parcel.

B. Partial Prepayment Parcel. The Maximum Annual Special Tax for a Partial Prepayment Parcel is assigned by multiplying the Maximum Annual Special Tax from **Attachment 2**, or as otherwise calculated for a Developed Parcel, by the Partial Prepayment Factor for the Parcel.

C. Assignment of Maximum Annual Special Tax to Original Parcels. The Maximum Annual Special Tax for each Original Parcel is shown on **Attachment 1**, subject to increase by the Tax Escalation Factor after the Base Year.

D. Assignment of Maximum Annual Special Tax to Successor Parcels. The Maximum Annual Special Tax shall be assigned to Successor Parcels in the following manner:

1. **Developed Parcel** – The Maximum Annual Special Tax for each Developed Parcel is shown on **Attachment 2** subject to increase by the Tax Escalation Factor after the Base Year.

a. **Single Family Residential Parcels**. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is equal to the amount per Unit for Single Family Residential Parcels shown in **Attachment 2** for a Fiscal Year multiplied by the Units assigned to a Developed Parcel. A Single Family Residential Parcel is assumed to have one Unit assigned.

a. **Other Land Uses**. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is equal to the amount per Net Acre for Other Land Uses shown in **Attachment 2** for a Fiscal Year multiplied by the Net Acreage of the Developed Parcel.

b. **Adjustments to the Maximum Annual Special Tax For Developed Parcels**. Each time a Successor Parcel is subdivided, the Administrator will assign the Units to each of the newly created Taxable Parcels. If there is an overall reduction in assigned Units from the previous Successor Parcel, the Administrator shall: (i) calculate the loss in Maximum CFD Revenue by multiplying the number of reduced Units by the Maximum Annual Special Tax per Unit from **Attachment 2**; and (ii) require the Prepayment of this difference pursuant to **Section 7**. Prepayment shall be made prior to, or concurrent with, recordation of the Final Subdivision Map creating the new Successor Parcels. Such Prepayment may be avoided to the extent that the City determines that the Maximum CFD Revenue, allowing for the loss of such Units, is expected to be sufficient to meet Annual Costs without the levy of a Special Tax on such Units.

2. **Undeveloped Parcel** – The Maximum Annual Special Tax for each Undeveloped Parcel is shown on **Attachment 2**, subject to increase by the Tax Escalation Factor after the Base Year.

C. **Single Family Residential Uses**. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is equal to the amount per Unit for Single Family Residential Parcels shown in **Attachment 2** for a given Fiscal Year multiplied by the number of Units assigned to the Parcel by the Administrator.

d. **All Other Uses**. The Maximum Annual Special Tax is calculated by multiplying the Net Acreage of the Parcel times the amount per Net Acre for Other Land Uses shown in **Attachment 2** for a given Fiscal Year.

E. Conversion of a Tax-Exempt Parcel to a Taxable Parcel. If a Tax-Exempt Parcel is converted to a Taxable Parcel, it shall become subject to the Special Tax. The Maximum Annual Special Tax for each such Parcel shall be based on the number of Units assigned by the Administrator to such Parcel, or a Maximum Annual Special Tax per Net Acre for Other Land Uses, as shown in **Attachment 2** for a given Fiscal Year.

F. Taxable Parcel Acquired by a Public Agency. A Taxable Parcel that is acquired by a public agency after the CFD is formed will remain subject to the applicable Special Tax unless the Special Tax obligation is satisfied pursuant to Section 53317.5 of the Government Code. An exception to this may be made if a Public Parcel, such as a school site, is relocated to a Taxable Parcel, in which case the previously Tax-Exempt Parcel of comparable acreage becomes a Taxable Parcel and the Maximum Annual Special Tax from the previously Taxable Parcel is transferred to the new Taxable Parcel. This trading of a Parcel from a Taxable Parcel to a Public Parcel will be permitted to the extent there is no net loss in Maximum CFD Revenue.

6. Setting the Annual Special Tax Rate for Taxable Parcels

The City shall calculate the Special Tax levy for each Taxable Parcel for each Fiscal Year as follows:

A. Compute the Annual Costs using the definition of Annual Costs in **Section 2**.

B. Calculate the Special Tax levy for each Taxable Parcel by the following steps:

Step 1
Compute 100% of the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue for all Developed Parcels.

Step 2:
Compare the Annual Costs with the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue calculated in the previous step.

Step 3:
If the Annual Costs are less than the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue, decrease proportionately the Special Tax levy for each Developed Parcel until the revenue from the Special Tax levy equals the Annual Costs.

Step 4:
If the Annual Costs are greater than the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenue from Developed Parcels, levy a Special Tax proportionately on each Undeveloped Parcel to an amount equal to the amount of Annual Costs or until 100% of the Maximum Annual Special Tax is reached for such Undeveloped Parcels.

C. Levy on each Taxable Parcel the amount calculated above.

D. Prepare the Tax Collection Schedule and, unless an alternative method of collection has been selected pursuant to **Section 9**, send it to the County Auditor requesting that it be placed on the general, secured property tax roll for the Fiscal Year. The Tax Collection Schedule shall not be sent later than the date required by the Auditor for such inclusion.

The City shall make every effort to correctly calculate the Special Tax for each Parcel. It shall be the burden of the taxpayer to advise the City of any alleged errors in the determination of the Parcels subject to the tax and the assignment of the Special Tax to the Parcels.

As development and subdivision of CFD land uses take place, the City will maintain a file of each current County Assessor's Parcel Number within the CFD, its Maximum Annual Special Tax, and the Maximum Annual Special Tax revenues for all Parcels within the CFD available for public inspection. This record shall show the calculation of the assigned Maximum Annual Special Tax to each Original and Successor Parcel and a brief description of the process of assigning the Special Tax each time a Successor Parcel was created.

7. Prepayment of Special Tax Obligation

A property owner may permanently satisfy the Special Tax obligation on a Parcel by Prepayment of the Special Tax as permitted under Government Code Section 53344. Prepayment is permitted only under the following conditions:

The prepayment is based on the prepayment for a Developed Parcel--even if the prepaying Parcel is an Original or Undeveloped Parcel at the time of prepayment.

The City determines that the prepayment of the Special Tax obligation does not jeopardize its ability to make timely payments of Debt Service on outstanding bonds.

Any landowner prepaying the Special Tax obligation on a Parcel must pay any delinquent Special Tax and penalties on that Parcel prior to Prepayment.

The Full Prepayment amount shall be established by following the steps in Part A.

PART A. FULL PREPAYMENT

Step A.1: Determine the Maximum Annual Special Tax for the Parcel for which the Special Tax is to be fully prepaid by following the procedures in **Section 5**. If the Parcel is not a Developed Parcel, the determination of the Maximum Annual Special Tax shall assume that the Parcel is a Developed Parcel.

Step A.2: Divide the Maximum Annual Special Tax from Step A.1 by the Maximum CFD Revenue to arrive at the Benefit Share.

Step A.3: Determine the Bond Share for the Parcel by multiplying the Benefit Share from Step A.2 by the amount of the Outstanding Bonds. For the purpose of calculating the Bond Share, Bonds to be retired from Special Taxes that have been levied but not collected shall not be considered Outstanding Bonds.

Step A.4: Determine the Reserve Fund Share associated with the Bond Share calculated in Step A.3 and reduce the Bond Share by the amount of the Reserve Fund Share.

Step A.5: Add to the amount calculated in Step A.4 any fees, call premiums, and expenses incurred

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Attachment 1
City of West Sacramento, California
CFD No. 21 (Parlin Ranch)
Maximum Annual Special Tax for Original Parcels in the Base Year 2004-2005

Assessor's Parcel Number	No. of Units[1]	Maximum Annual Special Tax Per Unit[2]	Maximum Annual Special Tax Per Original Parcel
046-050-02	126	$1,169	$147,294
046-050-03	181	$1,169	$211,589
Totals	307		$358,883

B. [1] The Maximum Annual Special Tax is assigned to Otiginal Parcels in the Base Year of 2004-2005 by multiplying the number of Units assigned to each Original Parcel (identified by Assessor's Parcel Number) by the Maximum Annual Special Tax per Unit. As Original Parcels are subdivided Units will be assigned to Successor Parcels. To ensure that there is no net loss in Maximum CFD Revenue, the Administrator may require that a Successor Parcel prepay the Special Tax obligation for Units shown in a Tentative Map that are not created by the recordation of the Final Map.

C. [2] The Maximum Annual Special Tax Per Unit is subject to an annual increase by the Tax Escalation Factor, as defined in **Section 2**.

Attachment 2
City of West Sacramento, California
CFD No. 21 (Parlin Ranch)
Maximum Annual Special Tax for Successor Parcels

Tax Category	Maximum Annual Special Tax[1]	
Developed Parcels		
Single Family Residential Parcels	$1,169	Per assigned Unit
Other Land Uses	$5,300	Per Net Acre
Undeveloped Parcels		
Single Family Residential Parcels	$1,169	Per assigned Unit
Other Land Uses	$5,300	Per Net Acre

D. [1] The Maximum Annual Special Tax per Unit is subject to an annual increase by the Tax Escalation Factor, as defined in Section 2.

Police log

Nov. 4

A convalescent home reported a man in its lobby refused to leave. Police contacted the man, and during a pat-down search found an ice pick in the subject's waistband. The man admitted carrying it as a weapon. He was an ex-felon.

Nov. 4, 8:15 a.m.

A 1992 Mazda MPV was reported stolen from Taber Street.

Nov. 4, 9 a.m.

Someone broke into a classroom at a Westacre Road school and took a computer and cell phone.

Nov. 4, 9:44 a.m.

On Madrone Avenue, someone damaged a cluster of mailboxes trying to pry them open.

Nov. 4, 2:28 p.m.

A suspect on Allan Avenue used accelerant to start a fire in a victim's backyard.

Nov. 4, 3:49 p.m.

An officer took a report after a woman bought items at a hardware store and had them charged to the business account of a former employer.

Nov. 5, 12:43 a.m.

A man on Harbor Blvd. reported his 2002 Dodge Durango stolen.

Nov. 5, 1:08 a.m.

On Casselman Dr., a 2004 Toyota Corolla was reported to have been stolen sometime within the previous day or so.

Nov. 5, 1:49 a.m.

An unknown suspect set fire to a woman's 2002 Chevrolet Camaro on Diane Drive.

Nov. 6

A hotel near Harbor Boulevard reported a fight involving over a hundred people in its banquet room. Numerous complaints were also phoned in by guests. Nine officers and two sergeants responded, finding a large fight in progress. Sheriff's deputies also assisted in clearing the incident. Also in the same evening, West Sacramento police aided Davis police in pursuing a suspect fleeing in a vehicle into Sacramento.

Nov. 6

A woman reported that her car's tires had been slashed during the night.

Nov. 6, 1:07 p.m.

An injury accident at Enterprise and the eastbound freeway onramp involved two vehicles. A two-year old child was hospitalized for observation.

Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

An officer contacted a man on Harbor Boulevard who was "obviously very intoxicated and about to be run over." The man was combative but was taken into custody.

Nov. 7, 8:39 a.m.

A 40-year old female transient was arrested for shoplifting at a supermarket. She also had arrest warrents.

Nov. 7, 8:50 a.m.

An officer contacted a West Sacramento man who had lent his car to a friend, who then forgot where he had left it. The victim later recovered his own car.

Nov. 7, 10 a.m.

On the 900-block of West Capitol, an officer contacted the victim of a car burglary. The car's side window had been smashed, and an electronic game system and other items worth about $500 were taken.

Nov. 7, 11:50 a.m.

A Third Street resident reported a 1989 Toyota pickup truck stolen.

Nov. 7, 9:30 p.m.

A 30-year old Modesto man went to the West Sacramento home of his estranged wife, grabbed her and attempted to punch her. She fled to a neighbor's and called police. He locked himself in her home. He was arrested by police.

LETTERS from page seven

Thanks again.
CHARLES SANO
West Sacramento

Veterans Day ceremony

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day", which commemorated the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Proclaimed by Congress each year starting in 1926, Armistice Day became "Veterans Day" in 1954 as a result of legislation signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The intention of the name change was to honor all of those who served the nation in wars or conflicts. Veterans Day has been observed annually on this date since 1978.

On Veterans Day Americans gather to offer thanks, appreciation, respect and love to the men and women who have served in our nation's military service. For many, Veterans Day will be filled with patriotism and pride for the new generation of veterans who we can thank for fighting the war on terrorism and preserving the freedoms that Americans enjoy.

Freedom and the cherished way of life we enjoy, however, have not been given to us without cost. More than one million Americans have died in service to our country, and many more returned home with physical and emotional scars of battle.

Yolo County is home to more than 11,000 former service members. They are our parents, our brothers and sisters, our neighbors and colleagues at work. They are that special group of Americans called "veterans."

On November 11, 2004 at 11 a.m., all Yolo County residents are invited to attend a Veterans Day ceremony at the Yolo County Courthouse to remember and honor our veterans and to say "Thank you for serving."

TED PUNTILLO
Yolo County Veterans Services

History has no gender

Regarding First Lady Maria Shriver leading the movement (with the museum's board of director's approval) to change the California State History Museum from one informing the public of (unlimited) state history to only telling about significant women of California's past, does that mean no more history about men, animals, plants, political subdivisions, chemistry, weather, or various other educational subjects? Are only female criminals to be remembered? What happens to "non-female" history? Does it just disappear?

As a Lodi teacher suggested, it would seem more prudent to develop a new wing educating the public specifically about California women of historical significance.

But if this move succeeds with legislative approval, we should at least change one word: Change "HIStorical" to "HERstorical. And maybe her wealthy family could fund a new building, etc., to continue to inform the public of "non-female" history. But even a move like that would violate the rule of "telling the whole truth and nothing but the truth" -- incomplete history, at best, at each place.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

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by the City in connection with the Prepayment calculation or the application of the proceeds of the prepayment to the call of bonds. The sum of this calculation is the Full Prepayment requirement for a Parcel.

PART B. PARTIAL PREPAYMENT

If the Prepayment is a Partial Prepayment, then the property owner shall designate an amount which is less than the Full Prepayment amount determined above for the Parcel for which the Special Tax is to be partially prepaid (or group of such Parcels) but which, based upon a calculation provided by the Administrator, will provide sufficient funds for a Bond call in a whole number multiple of $5,000. The Administrator shall determine the Partial Prepayment Factor by the following procedure:

Step B.1: Calculate the Bond Share amount from Part A above.

Step B.2: Subtract the amount of the proposed Partial Prepayment from the Full Prepayment Bond Share amount calculated in Part A.3 above;

Step B.3: Subtract any fixed costs (such as the cost of the Prepayment calculation and other fees which do not vary proportionally with the size of the Prepayment) of the Partial Prepayment from the Full Prepayment amount;

Step B.4: Divide the result of Step B.2 by the result of Step B.3 to arrive at the Partial Prepayment Factor. The Partial Prepayment Factor is used in decreasing the Maximum Annual Special Tax for the Parcel for which the Special Tax is partially prepaid.

Step B.5: If a Partial Prepayment has previously been made for this Parcel, multiply the result of Step B.4 times the previously calculated Partial Prepayment Factor.

8. Appeals

Any taxpayer who feels that the amount of the Special Tax assigned to a Parcel is in error may file a notice with the Administrator appealing the levy of the Special Tax. The Administrator will then promptly review the appeal, and if necessary, meet with the applicant. If the Administrator verifies that the tax should be modified or changed, a recommendation at that time will be made to the Council and, as appropriate, the Special Tax levy as to that Parcel shall be corrected and, if applicable in any case, a refund shall be granted.

Interpretations may be made by Resolution of the Council for purposes of clarifying any vagueness or ambiguity as it relates to the Special Tax rate, the method of apportionment, the classification of properties or any definition applicable to the CFD.

9. Manner of Collection

The Special Tax will be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem property taxes; provided, however, that the City or its designee may directly bill the special Tax and may collect the Special Tax at a different time, such as on a monthly or other periodic basis, or in a different manner, if necessary to meet its financial obligations.

FREE Torchiere Exchange

Saturday November 20th, 10 am-12 noon

West Sacramento Nugget Market – 2000 Town Center Plaza

A FREE event for Yolo County residents with an electric utility account to exchange a used *but in working condition*, halogen Torchiere lamp for a new, three-way, compact fluorescent Torchiere lamp. One lamp per household (Color choices include black or white), *while supplies last.*

WHERE: West Sacramento Nugget Market located at 2000 Town Center Plaza (on the Southwest corner of Jefferson and Lake Washington Boulevard)

WHY: Halogen Torchiere lamps consume high amounts of electricity (usually over 400 watts) and are dangerous because of the extremely high temperature of the bulb. The modern fluorescent torchiere lamps consume only 65watts and produce light equivalent to 200 watts.

HOW: Yolo County residents may bring an old (yet working) halogen Torchiere lamp to the exchange event on Saturday November 20th starting at 10am. The lamps should not be in packaging of any sort and will be dismantled and recycled by YEEP Staff. *One new lamp per household during the YEEP program.*

Call the Yolo Energy Efficiency Project at 530-753-9337, visit www.yoloenergy.org, or email energy@cityofdavis.org for more information.

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News-Ledger Directory of Local Places of Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St. ■ 371-8804 10 a.m. Worship/Sunday School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** Dennis Jones, Elder 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570
Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. (near Todhunter) Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish), Fri. 8:30 a.m. Call 371-1211	**First Southern Baptist Church** Rev. Gregory W. Kirk Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111
SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. 2568 Industrial Blvd. 372-7818 www.southportcommunity.com	**WestSide Covenant Church** Worship Services at Collings Teen Center 1541 Merkley Ave. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. www.westsidecov.org 371-3933	**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church** 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Weekdays 7 a.m. No Mass on Thursday
Center for Spiritual Awareness 1020 W. Capitol Ave., 374-9177 Sun. services 8:30, 10 & 11 am Meditation room opens 30 minutes prior to services. Praise & worship 15 min. prior Junior church for all ages at 10 am & 11:45 am	**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** 2667 Linden Road Bishop Ray Jackson, (916) 372-1113 Sunday Meeting Times: Sacrament Meeting, 9 a.m. PUBLIC WELCOME!	**New Discovery Christian Church** Meets at Southport Elementary School 2747 Linden Road at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Green (916) 600-3784

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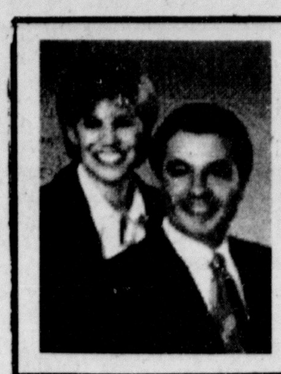

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Local Scene

Trees

The West Sacramento Tree Program offers free trees, stakes and tree education for local schools, churches and other organizations. For an application and information, call 617-4620.

'Tellabration'

The East Yolo Friends of the Library and Sacramento Storytellers Guild are holding a 'Tellebration' at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19. A great group of storytellers is expected to be on hand to entertain you. Designed for adults and children who can listen like an adult. The planned 90-minute program may be difficult for younger children. No charge; bring a friend.

Casino trip

The West Sacramento Senior Center is planning a bus trip to Jackson Casino on Nov. 23. Cost is $15. Call Irene, 373-5819.

Check out Masons

You're invited to learn more about West Sacramento's Masonic Lodge during a "Walk About" at 4 p.m. on Nov. 20 at 3260 Jefferson Blvd. The lodge has relationships with both youth groups and Shriners hospital. Refreshments and good fellowship at the Walk About. Call 362-7574 or 366-6048.

Videos to troops

Do you have a family member in the service stationed away from home? The computer graphics staff at All Phase Security, Inc., is offering to help you make a free video to be emailed to your loved one. Call 677-2234.

4-H

Yolo County 4-H will hold its "Achievement Ceremony" on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the John Rogers Hall at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland. The event honors members who have earned stars or awards.

Storytime

Storytime for preschoolers begins in the month of November at the local library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. It will be held Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and is aimed at kids age 3-5. There will be storybooks, feltboard stories, fingerplays, arts and crafts. Call 375-6465.

Bingo & spaghetti

A special bingo night and spaghetti dinner is planned at the West Sacramento Elks Lodge, 423 Third Street, with doors opening at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20. Bingo starts at 6. $10 includes dinner and ten games. Prizes include turkeys and hams.

Volunteers?

The annual West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project, which brings holiday food baskets to needy families in December, is looking for volunteers. If you can help out in November or December, please call and leave your name and number at 372-3360. You may also call Linda at 373-1744 after 6 p.m. on weekdays.

Quit smoking

Support the millions of Americans who on Nov. 18 will try to quit smoking for a day, as part of the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout." Many smokers make several attempts to quit before they are successful. The county health department offers "quit smoking" programs backed up by hypnotherapy; call (530) 666-8645.

Veterans' Day

Yolo County residents are invited to a special Veterans' Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 at the county courthouse, 725 Court Street in Woodland. The keynote speaker will be Frank Sieferman, Jr., a county supervisor.

Crab feed

A crab feed to memorialize the late local boxer Joey Lopes and to benefit the fight against Alzheimers Disease will be held Sat., Nov. 20, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Hall, 1817 12th Street in Sacramento. No-host cocktails at 6 p.m., crab feed at 7 and dancing from 9-1. $30 donation. Call 371-3549 for tickets or information.

Holiday bazaar

A holiday bazaar to benefit Yolo Hospice will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on December 4 at the Clarksburg Library Activity Room. For sale will be baked goods, baskets, cosmetics, woodcarvings, jewelry, crafts and other unique items. For more information, call 775-1553.

Lamp exchange

Exchange your old, inefficient halogen "torchiere" lamp for a FREE energy-efficient compact fluorescent torchiere on Sat., Nov. 20, between 10 a.m. and noon at the Nugget market, 2000 Town Center Plaza (at Jefferson and Lake Washington) in West Sacramento. Open to Yolo County residence with proof of an electrical utility account. Used, working-condition lamps are accepted. For more information, see www.yoloenergy.org. Sponsored by the Yolo Energy Efficiency Project.

Interfaith

Representatives of different faith traditions are invited to the monthly brown-bag lunch meeting of the West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering on Friday, Nov. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Todhunter and Anna streets.

Clean-up

The West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering plans its annual city cleanup effort on Saturday, Nov. 13, meeting at 9 a.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 West Capitol Ave. for a two-hour effort by the riverfront. Call 798-8724 for more information.

Thanksgiving

All are welcome to the Thanksgiving Worship service at 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 17, planned by the West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering and held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Anna and Todhunter streets. Representatives from different faith traditions will lead the service, with a member of the Baha'I faith sharing the message. Call 798-8724 for information.

Art fair

A "Second Saturday" art fair by the West Sacramento Art Guild will be held 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 13 at the senior center, 664 Cummins Way. Art will be displayed and sold. Next fair will be December 11, same time and place. Next Art Guild meeting will be Nov. 29 from 2-4 p.m. at the senior center. The public – and especially artistic high school students – are invited to attend. Call 371-3744 for information.

Raley Field is yours!

The Sacramento River Cats will make 20 days of use of Raley Field available for different community non-profit groups. If your group is interested in using the stadium between March and October of next year, call 617-4620 for an application. Some user fees and conditions apply to stadium use.

Golden Years

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will hold a catered Thanksgiving dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street, on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Cost is $5 for members and $10 for guests. Call 371-8479 or 371-8126 for reservations before Nov. 12. The club serves people age 50 and over.

High school math

Kids can't graduate from high school without passing an exit exam that includes math. Ms. Higgins, chair of the River City High School math department, will speak to interested parents about math requirements for this exam, for college, and beyond, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the school library.

Spaghetti feed

The junior class at River City High School will hold a spaghetti feed at the Moose Lodge on Jefferson Blvd. (south area) on Nov. 19. Cost is $7 for adults and $5 for students and kids 12 and under. Proceeds will help pay for events and scholarships. For event time and other information, contact the campus.

College info

River City High School will offer college information to freshmen, sophomores and juniors (and their parents) at a presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 10, in the school cafeteria. Learn about different colleges' requirements.

Hazardous waste

Yolo County will hold a collection day for household hazardous wastes on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the county landfill. Accepted will be items such as cleaning supplies, lighter fluid, paint, pesticides, auto batteries and used motor oil, and the like. Call (530) 666-8729 for directions or information. Businesses may call (800) 433-5060 for information on disposal of business hazardous wastes.

Library page

West Sacramento's branch of the county library is accepting applications for a library page. The page will need to follow oral and written instructions, file materials in alphabetic and numeric order, shelve books and perform other tasks. Pay is $7.39 per hour. Applications are available at the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue.

'Across the Bridge':

Events around the West Sac region

Free skating

The Westfield Downtown Holiday Ice Rink at 7th and K streets in downtown Sacramento will open on November 12th and free skating will be offered throughout the day. Patrons will also receive one complementary pass for a special movie screening of *Santa Vs. The Snowman* at the Esquire IMAX Theatre on the same day.

Open skating will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Genealogy society meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on November 17th at the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program will be "Cemetery Research". Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call 689-4524.

Thanksgiving at Fairytale Town

Fairytale Town, located inside William Land Park in Sacramento, will offer free admission on November 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as a special thanks to their visitors and a way to burn off everyone's Thanksgiving Feast in a safe, fun and colorful place. For more information call 264-5233.

New production at SCC

City Theatre at Sacramento City College will present *Return to the Forbidden Planet* through December 12th. Performances will be held in the Art Court Theatre at SCC, 3835 Freeport Boulevard in Sacramento. For ticket information and performance schedules call 558-2228.

Holiday craft faire

The Sacramento Historic Sites Association in cooperation with California State Parks will hold a holiday craft fair on the State Indian Museum grounds at 2618 K Street in Sacramento on November 26-27 from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be jewelry, artwork, needlework, carvings, beadwork and much more. Admission is $2. For more information call 324-0971. A

New at Crocker

Sacramento's Crocker Art Mod: Recent Northern California Abstraction" from November 20 to January 30. The new exhibit will feature works about the contemporary cultural environment which unite tradition with innovation.

The Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885 and is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. For more information call 264-5423.

Food drive

Throughout November you can bring a non-perishable food item to the Sacramento Zoo and receive $1 off the regular admission price. The food collected will help children, seniors, battered women, the homeless and the disabled. The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 10 am to 4 pm.

Napa holiday faire

The 32nd Annual "Gifts 'n Tyme Holiday Faire" will be held at the Napa Valley Exposition at 575 Third Street in Napa on November 19-21. This is a time to get your holiday shopping done early and the Greater Napa Valley Lions club will be offering their homebaked cookies. For more information call 925-372-8961.

YMCA childcare

Need a fun place for your child to play and learn during the day? Have you considered the YMCA? The YMCA offers licensed childcare for children ages 3 months to 12 years of age. The programs operate five days a week. The cost varies depending on the age of your child. Call 452-9622 ext. 111 for more information on locations and prices.

View wildlife

Enjoy a self-guided hike to the wildlife viewing platform of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge on November 13th and 27th. You will see birds of prey and other grassland wildlife. Take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exit, turn west, and park; the refuge entrance is adjacent to the highway. Dress appropriately for October weather. Call 775-4420.

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(1) Wall Street Journal, Cracks in the Nest Egg, 10/22/01.
(2) The National Nursing Home Survey: 1999 Summary released June 2002.
(3) GE Long Term Care Insurance Nursing Home Survey, 3/14/02.

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